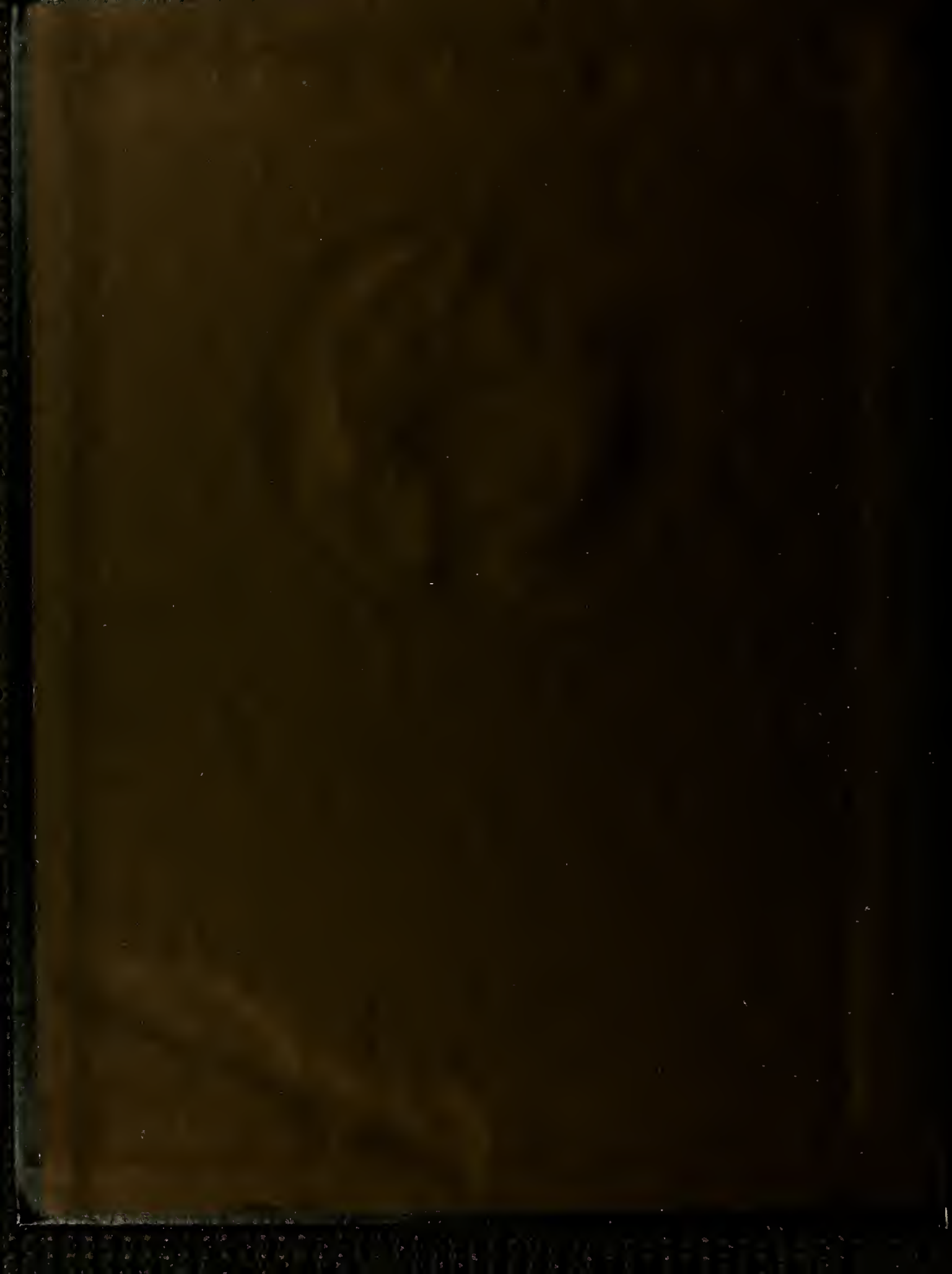


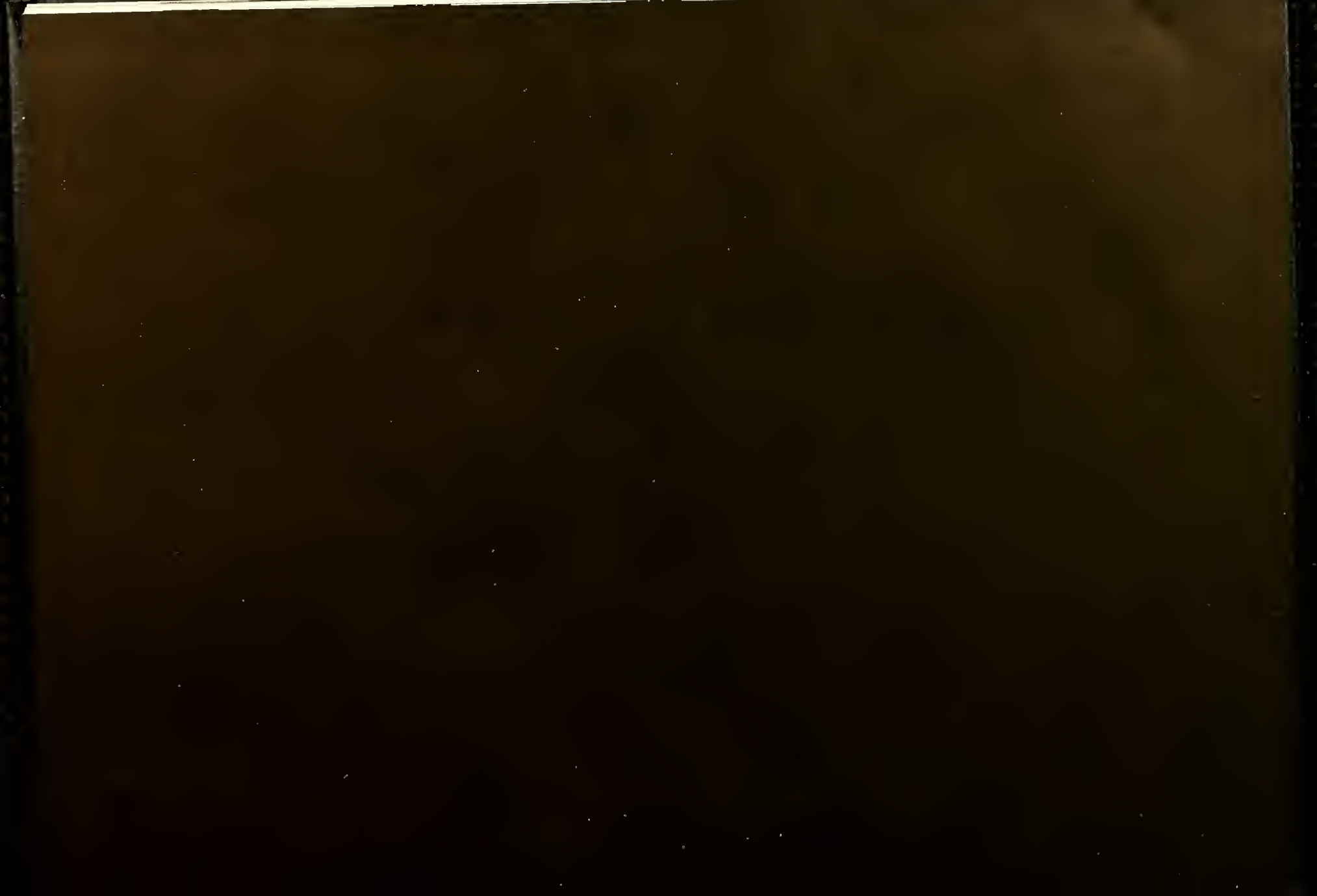
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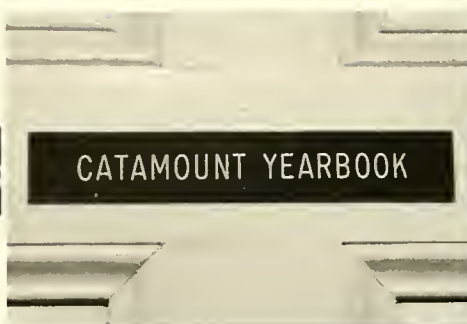


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The Making of a Memorable Experience



Bicycle power! This student tried to beat the clock by getting some wheels!



Basking in the sun's warm rays, these students took advantage of their break from classes.



A popular hangout around lunch time many students were found outside Dodson Cafeteria.



WCU students best friend! This special and well- educated hound named "Butterfly," could be found lounging all over campus.



Alan Moore

the Cullowhee Cub Scouts..... The sign says it all!!



Alan Moore

Erin LaFon

place to be! The UC lawn was a common place to find students enjoying weather, food, and each other.



Kris Granwell

ek-a-boo! Corie Decker was too smart for this photographer because she caught him in his hiding place.



Zac Keener

Hanging out. These two ladies talked to each other while waiting for their classes to begin.



Concentrating hard, this student perfects her "steps" for the annual Stompfest.



Kris Grunwell

Studying hard! This student enjoyed Cullowhee's beautiful weather while preparing for one of her demanding classes.



Kris Grunwell

This WCU student looked over some material for her next class.



Zac Keener

By reading USA Today, this student increases his knowledge of what's happening outside of Cullowhee.



Kris Grunwell

Receiving an education, these students listened very carefully to their professor on this sunny day.



...comes "The Undutchables!" These Dutch students participated in the Homecoming parade in their hand-painted car. They won first place in the float contest.



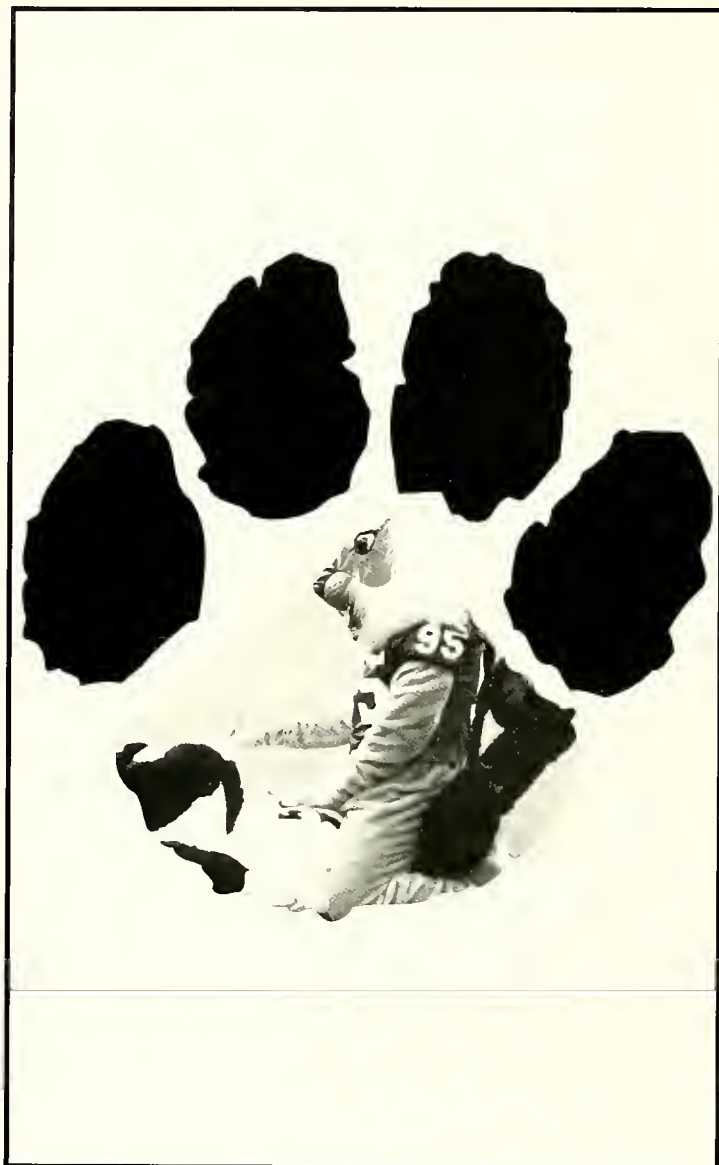
International Club was represented in the Homecoming parade by their president, Omar, from Turkey, and some members from France.



Gretchen Best, the 1996 Homecoming Queen, attended this year's homecoming game to crown the 1997 queen. Her two friends were cheering Gretchen on.



This talented WCU student showed his artistic contributions on the UC lawn.



Kris Grunwell



Zac Keener

Not just for students! Faculty at Western also realize that a break is needed on those hectic days.



Greg Walker



Kris Grunwell

Above: Old fashioned fun. These boys are living it up at a tailgate party before a home football game.

Left: These two Dutch students, Jerry Voonbraak and Ronald Van der Laan, dressed in their country's colors to cheer on Western during the Parent's Day weekend game against Furman.

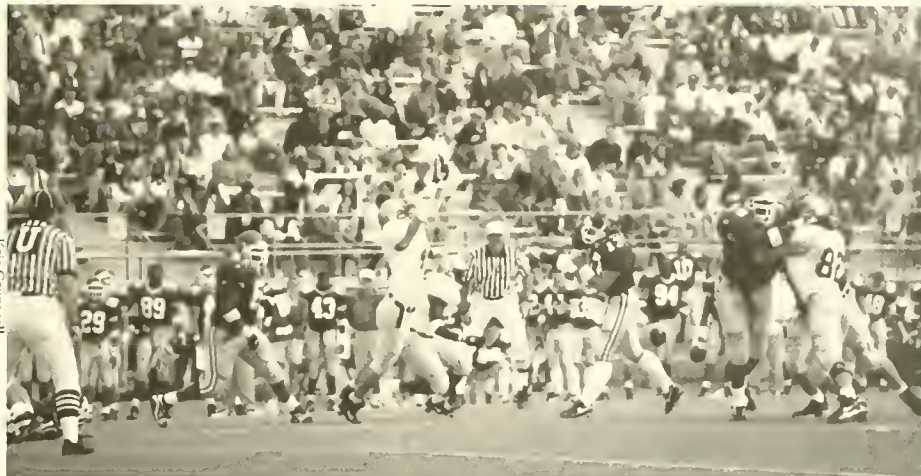


ing to Stompfest! WCU's own, Bobby Phillips, was found looking like he stepped the cover of "G.Q." magazine.



Cats! Western's cheerleaders always re our athletic teams the energy and sport to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

Kris Grumwell
Erin LaFon



During the Homecoming game, #17 defended the Catamounts against one of Wofford's players.

Kris Grumwell



Full of pride! Western Carolina University's band members entertained the crowds at every basketball and football game.

Kris Grumwell



Alan Moore

Fore! This golf player was one of the valuable members of Western's golf team.



Zac Keener

Kris Grumwell

Pump it up! This WCU student tones his body by using the weight equipment found in the Fitness Center.



Zac Keener

Eating again! This student enjoyed a delicious sandwich from the popular Chick-fil-A!



Kris Grumwell

Ashley Hubbell

Drive Bunny, drive! Peter, Niels, Luke, Carrie, and others rode in the car "Bunny" to the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Representing Western! Jin Lin Zhao, WCU's Hospitality Management Adviser, showed New York what WCU has when he went to a taping of the Today Show.



Kris Crumwell

kin' Away! These two students ate and drank on the UC
k while relaxing in rocking chairs.



Pimp n' Dutch. These two guys are pimping their stuff with their
snake, "Monte," on the Halloween night.



se three students kept their attention on studying and watching people as they
ed by Subway.

Kris Crumwell



Kris Crumwell

Horseshoes anyone? This student went for the
ringer on a bright, sunny day on campus.

Jennifer Bosch



Crack! This student leaned over the pool table in the new game room for a sweet corner pocket shot.

Alan Moore



These Sigma Chi brothers were found entertaining WCU students at the variety show on Spirit night.

Niels Hoevenaars



Some of the Reynolds staff plus "Kramer," the dog, made a banner to support the Cats for our first home game.

Carrie McClure



Cheers! A bunch of WCU students laughed, drank, ate at Longhorn Restaurant to celebrate Niel's 23rd birthday.



Missouri Bikers

student employee not only takes classes at WCU, she also spends h of her time at work on campus.



Kris Grunwell

e two students were looking at just one of the many merchants that cipated in Mountain Heritage Day.



F. Olograaf

e four MBA Dutch students definitely made WCU a little interesting with their very distinct personalities.



Kris Grunwell

Bustin' some moves. This student draws in a crowd with his hacky sack abilities.



Greg Walker

One, two, three, hike! These intramural flag football players gave the sport all of their energy to become number one.



Greg Walker

Above: How's the water? These intramural water polo players had the strength and endurance to defend opponents as well as play offense.



Scott Smith

Above: Looks aren't everything, but they sure do count! This student takes time to touch up his hygiene.



Kris Grunwell

Above: It's the weekend, let's go home! This student is among the many who went away on weekends.



Alan Moore

Above: Name that tune! Gretchen and Doug sang and played their hearts out for those who attended Spirit Night.



Above: Bravo! WCU hosted, "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Hoey Auditorium in the fall. The performers gave an excellent performance that will be remembered in years to come.




Above: Just too sweet! No, it's not Monday Night Nitro, it's WCW Bailey's. Many students and other wrestling fans gathered on the first Thursday of every month to cheer on their favorite wrestler.

Greg Walker



Above: Rain or shine, these fans are always seen supporting the football team. The Western Carolina Marching Band doesn't let anything get in their way.

Student Life



"Be what you are. This is the first step towards becoming better than you are." --Julius Charles Hare and Augustus William Hare



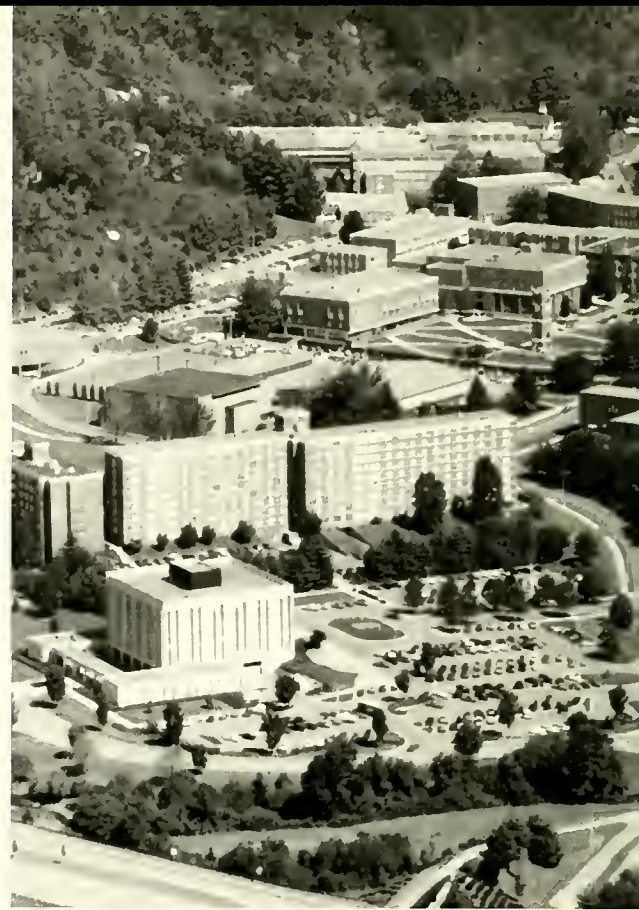
Right: In a world of our own. The WCU campus, as seen by an aerial shot, is located in the center of Cullowhee.

Below: Escaping life's troubles. Silver Run Falls in Cashiers offers serenity for those who seek peace.

Bottom Right: Wet and wild. Rushing rapidly over the rocks, Dry Falls shows the powerful beauty of nature.



Mark Haskett



Surroundings

Nature at Work

Surrounded by the Great Smoky Mountains, Western Carolina's scenic campus was the reason many students chose to study here. The serene atmosphere brought a welcomed change of pace for those from the large smog-infested cities of Charlotte and Atlanta, where quiet nature was replaced with noisy traffic jams.

Many students enjoyed canoeing down the Tuckaseige River and time stood still as they admired the river's breathtaking beauty. For

others, Catamount Gap was the perfect place to go for rock climbing adventures. Some even became awestruck at the site of the many powerful waterfalls around the area. As green leaves turned to hints of red and golden yellow and littered the ground which was soon to be covered with blankets of snow, the change in Western's seasons seemed to symbolize the journey from undergraduate to graduate of those who lived there.

Mark Haskett





University Center

Returned to Western

On August 19, the newly renovated Hinds University Center became open to the public. At Valley Ballyhoo, students were given ample opportunity to explore the recent changes. Students enjoyed the UC which included more conference rooms, video arcade games, and pool tables. After eating at Brown and Dodson cafeterias for so long, the most pleasing addition was the UC food court, which hosted Chick-fil-A, Mrs. Green's and Hazel's

Deli.

During fall semester, approximately 2400 students opted for various meal plans, all of which were spent in different Marriott locations. Within the first month, Chick-fil-A broke all record sales on campus, becoming the most popular place for students to eat. Lines formed out the door, showing Western how much students appreciated the re-opening of the Hinds University Center.

Mark Haskett



Melissa Cummings



Left: Fun and games. The gameroom in the University Center was a favorite hangout for pool, video games, and pinball machines.

Above: Service with a smile. Chris Hunt always gave the Chick-fil-A customers what they wanted.

Zac Kemner



Top: Taking off! Running faster than the speed of light, this student just barely manages to escape his opponents during flag football.

Above: Stress relief. Soccer was a great way for many students to take their minds off of classes.

Right: Keeping his eye on the ball, Joe Henderson concentrates as the ping-pong ball comes flying at him.



Intramurals

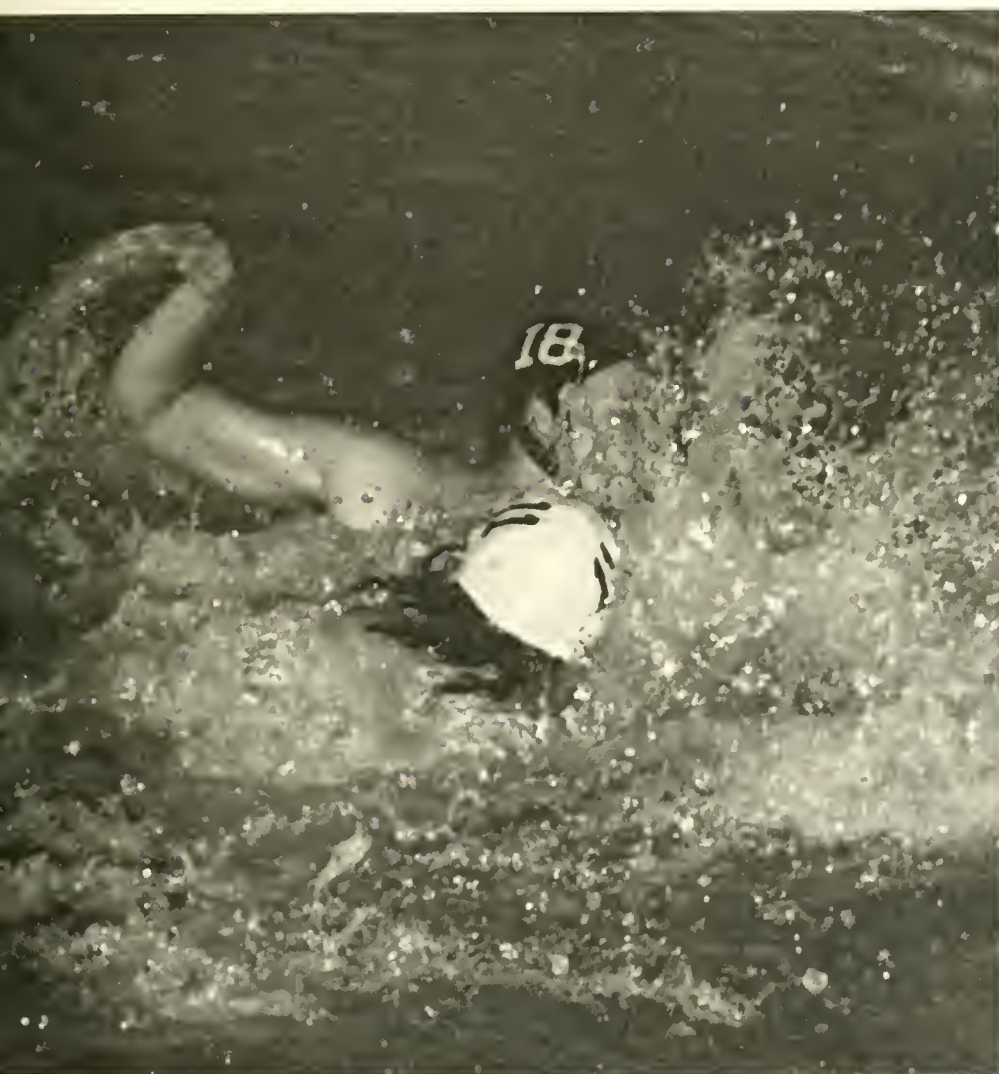
All Fun and Games

The student body shot, swam, kicked, dribbled and spiked their way through more than 80 different activities planned for intramurals. Friendships and leadership abilities developed during each intramural competition. From the track to the pool and from the court to the weight room, participants found individual

and team activities that tested their physical stamina and provided enjoyment. Enthusiastic spectators also contributed to the festive and lively atmosphere created by the athletes involved. Whatever the sport, pride and encouragement was shown by all who attended the men, women and co-ed events.



Kris Grunwell



Greg Walker

Zac Keener



Top Left: Strike! Bowling, a popular intramural event, was also offered as a class for interested students.

Left: Splish, splash! Competitiveness was a key factor in all intramural games, especially at this water polo game.

Above: No granny throws here. This student knows exactly what she is doing during the free throw competition.

Mtn. Heritage Day

Get Out The Cloggin' Shoes

Attracting people from around North Carolina and beyond, Mountain Heritage Day celebrated the mountain spirit which fell on a sunny September 27th. Western's campgrounds filled with traditional music styles like that of "The Wild Hog Boys" or "Whitewater Bluegrass Company." Over 200 craft and food booths and mountain games such as a foot race, and even a mustache and beard contest were just a few of the activities

planned. Although parking became an issue as it does every year, comfortable shoes were worn. People didn't seem to mind as they enjoyed the scenery and festivities. As Mike Penland of the Kappa Alpha fraternity said, "Mountain Heritage Day is an event we always look forward to participating in. As we enjoyed the perfect weather, we were reminded of our history and what has brought all of us together."



Above: Swing yer partner 'round. Having way too much fun, this woman shows off for the crowd. Square dancing was only one of many types of country dancing represented during Mountain Heritage Day.

Top/Right: Country Music. Entertaining the crowd every year, this group seemed to be a favorite.

Right: Lazy days! The spinning wheel did all of the work while its operator took a snooze.





Kris Grunwell

Kris Grunwell



Left: Bringing families together. Preparing to watch The Cats vs. Furman, this family took time out for a group portrait.

Above: Time for lunch! A student and her mother enjoy the food served at the reception sponsored by SGA.



Kris Grunwell



Western Welcomes Parents

Students honored their parents with a day of activities planned by various organizations from campus. This gave students an opportunity to spend the much needed quality time with their parents as well as allowing their parents to relax and explore university life. The activities offered were a "For Parents Only" lecture series, lunch at the University

Center with piano music provided by WCU music major Shannon Boatright, a reception sponsored by SGA, The Cats taking on Furman at the football game, and comic ventriloquist, Taylor Mason and Crew. After attending these events, most parents seemed to appreciate and understand more about college life.

Graduation

Free at Last!

December 13, 1997 at 2:00 the names Jean Ray Aiton, Denise Dawn Ball, and many more echoed through the Ramsey Center as students proudly accepted their various degrees. The Smokey Mountain Brass Quintet played in the background as each graduate nervously waited in line for their name to be announced. Chancellor Bardo had these words of wisdom to leave with the graduating class of Fall 1997: "Your degree from West-

ern is, of course, testimony to your years of hard work and diligence in the classroom, the library, and the laboratory . . . Soon, you will be assuming new roles as responsible citizens and leaders in other communities in your hometowns or in places far away from home. . . I am confident that you, as a representative of Western, will continue to exhibit the same strong sense of values and ethics that are a hallmark of the educational process at WCU."



Crystal Frame

Crystal Frame

Above: Lending a hand. Student Marshals were seen everywhere making sure every person found a seat and received a Commencement book.

Right: Following where the path may lead. These seniors anxiously await for the graduation ceremony to begin.





Left: Student fan clubs.

Graduates had plenty of support from their family and friends as they received their diplomas.

Bottom Left: Dressed for success. This student knows the way to job offers are through confidence and style.

Below: Decisions to make. Listening intently, these students are taking advantage of Career Day by exploring all of their options.



Crystal Frame

Greg Walker



Greg Walker



The Roads to Success

Back again, bringing students a world of opportunity, Career Day hosted many companies that were looking for just the right Western graduate to hire. The usual seniors were milling about exploring all of the options their degrees would bring them, but ironically enough, masses of freshmen were seen checking out individual companies. Why would freshmen be at Career Day when they have four more

years of college to complete? Well, apparently Western's professors wanted incoming students to start planning what they desire to major in. USI-130 classes, which were required for all freshmen to take in order to graduate, offered to solve this question for many by assigning a project involving Career Day. Perhaps, this helped freshmen change their major from being "Undecided."



Alan Moore



Kris Grunwell

Kris Grunwell

Top: Rockin' the night away! Melinda Hunt and Brandy Green sing as Gretchen Best and Doug Palmer serve as backup. This was just one of many activities planned during Homecoming.

Above: Chancellor Bardo, Joe Monroe, and Gretchen Best look on proudly as the new King and Queen are announced.

Right: Hungry? As a way to welcome alumni, many organizations served food and refreshments during Tailgating.



Homecoming

Western's Spirit Renewed



Kris Grunwell

After a week of constant activities ranging from cleaning up Highway 107, to participation in Midnight Madness, to watching the band "Jump Little Children," a new homecoming king and queen took reign. Joe Monroe and Gretchen Best proudly crowned 1997's Homecoming King Todd Dalton and Queen Rhonda Taylor.

One of the most attended programs was Spirit Night with an estimated 450 students who consumed over 160 pizzas and 600 soft drinks. Spirit Night skit winners were Alpha Chi Omega (3rd), Alpha Gamma Delta (2nd), and Phi

Mu (1st) with their rendition of Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog." Out of 36 student organizations who competed, the banner contest winners were: Greeks-Delta Zeta; Independent Groups- Art Student League; Residence Halls- Buchanan Hall 1st West.

At the end of the week, alumni came to join in the festivities at tailgating and watched as The Cats tried to overcome Wofford's ground attack during the football game. Although Western suffered a loss to Wofford, Tim Jacobs, Homecoming co-chairperson, felt that "this year's Homecoming was our most successful."



Alan Moore



Kris Grunwell

Top Left: Picture perfect. 1997's Homecoming King Todd Dalton and Queen Rhonda Taylor.

Left: The crowd watched in awe as The Cats strolled through downtown Sylva in the annual Homecoming parade.

Above: Uh- oh! This student is causing trouble again, this time at tailgating and Campus Police lets him know he's being watched.



David Wallace



Mandy Gooch

Karen Koehler

Top: Sailing the waves. Dave Wallace shows off his windsurfing talents in Cape Hattaras.

Left: Relaxing in Boone. Stephanie Stamey, Cindy Arthur, and Brandon Eppihimer warm up from the cold weather.

Right: Hungry? Mandy Gooch helps Brett Taylor by spraying some whipcream on his head.





April Hyatt

Student Breaks

So Many Places, So Little Time

As classes ended on March 6th, students were packed and ready to start their various Spring Breaks. Thoughts changed quickly from academics to how to have the most fun. Memories of college wouldn't be the same without thinking back to the one week during each school year that it was actually possible to abandon most responsibilities and, for some, any resemblance to that of a mature, law-abiding young citizen.

Some students were lucky and had the funds to spend on going to exotic locations like Jamaica, the Bahamas, or Cancun. Others stayed

in the United States on the white not-so-warm beaches of South Carolina or Florida. Some even skied the powdery, snow white hills of Colorado or Vermont.

A few students left Cullowhee and headed home to get a jump on the summer job hunt. Even if a student wasn't sitting on the beach watching rare and beautiful forms of the opposite sex and sipping a cold one, there were some bonuses of Mom's home cooking plus some peace and quiet. Whatever one decided to spend the week doing, at least it was by choice and a relief from sitting in class.



Greg Walker
Kris Grunwell



Top: It takes two to tango! April Hyatt makes a new friend in Orlando.

Left: Snowboarding fun. Cris Weatherford and Rob Dolman show off their new shirts from Breckenridge, Colorado.

Above: Relaxing at home. Not all students could afford to go away on exotic trips.



Lisa Hannon



Karen Koehler

Lisa Hannon

Top: Cruisin'! These guys know the art of creating attention in Panama City, Florida.

Above: The wonderful world of Disney. These students had too much fun with Mickey and the gang.

Right: Heads up! Melissa Cummings free falls in her first attempt at bungee jumping.





Kristen Hedrick

April Hyatt



Jennifer Knight



Anna Ruth Partin



Lisa Hannon

Top Left: Showing it all! These Alpha Xi's have a great time on the white sandy beaches of Daytona.

Middle: Playing around! Julie Hare and Jennifer Knight play on the jungle gym at Corpus Christi Beach, Texas.

Left: What is the commotion? Things got pretty crazy in Panama City.

Top: Loungin'! These Delta Chi's chill out in Orlando, Florida.

Above: Ready to eat! These girls have their bibs on and are ready to eat some crabs at Dick's Last Resort in Myrtle Beach.

Nightlife

Western Looses Bailey's

With the closing of Bailey's in January, many students wondered what would happen to nightlife as they knew it in Cullowhee. For many, life at Bailey's was crucial. Weeks were planned around this favorite hangout. Mondays were dedicated to "Drinking with Lincoln," Thursday's to wrestling, and most all of Wednesday's to College Night. If students had no projects due and no tests to take, they dressed their personal best and made their night a Bailey's night. The mysterious closing puzzled Western's students. Rumors flew around campus, but only the owner and a select

amount of people knew the real reasons for the sudden disappearance of the popular club.

Soon, after the shock wore off, things returned to normal. Some students socialized at O'Malley's, fraternity houses, apartments, and even in the dorms. Others attended church functions, listened to jazz music in coffee shops, cheered on the Catamount basketball team, and went to the movies. A few chose to go to the University Center to play video games or shoot pool. No matter what students wanted to do, all achieved their mission to have fun.



Glenn Tingen



Kris Grunwell

Top Right: Men in Black! Chris Fulton, Glenn Tingen, and Keith Stevens show off their GQ poses.

Right: Closed for business. These boys unwind at Bailey's which was a popular hangout before it's traumatic closing.

Above: And the beat goes on! Students could always be found listening to the local bands of the area.



David Sims



Christie Finger



Kathryn Allman

Erin LaFon



Left: Building friendships. The girls of the fourth floor of Helder take a break from studying in order to have some fun!

Top: Jamaican-me-crazy! These Phi Mu's had a great time at this Pi Kapp mixer.

Above: Laid back! Wes Beckham takes it easy at the TKE formal which was held at the Haywood Piers Hotel in Asheville.

Chancellor Bardo

Committed to Excellence

In keeping with academic change and the raising of the bar, Chancellor Bardo decided to change the means of technology students used. "Computers have become fundamental tools," Bardo said earlier this year. "Students now live their lives in a world that is increasingly information-based, and where management and control of information may well be the most crucial vari-

ables in determining the quality of life and the nation's competitiveness. What we are focusing on is the fundamental quality of a college education and its value in the world in which these students will live." Because of Bardo's belief and his goal to reach academic success, the proposal that incoming students be required to have computers when they come to campus passed.



Mark Haskett

Above: Talking to the masses. Chancellor Bardo had many conferences in order to enact the computer policy.

Right: Go Cats! Chancellor Bardo and his wife show support for the football team during Parents Day Weekend.





Greg Walker



Kris Grunwell



Kris Grunwell

Left: Cramming for finals! These students spent many hours in the library preparing for exams.

Below: Sunny daze. These two girls tried to enjoy the warm weather while they absorbed the countless information from their textbooks.

Studying

Continuing a Tradition



Kris Grunwell

A reason many of us attended Western, besides to possibly graduate, was to learn. For most, understanding a subject required a lot of cramming in the dorm and library. As some were very involved in outside activities, this was the

most beneficial way to gain knowledge. Outside sources like tutors, study groups, or the Writing Center even aided us in our quest to pass our classes. Without a doubt, studying helped us continue on to get a degree at Western.



Kris Grunwell

Above/Left: Peace and quiet. Sometimes, students like Amy Mitchell searched for a place away from the dorms in order to get school-work done.

Left: Living in America! There was no telling what teachers would assign for homework. This student draws a map for her Geography class.

Right: What a kiss! Hearts melted as Josh Cox and Leah Tiberius gave one of the hottest kisses on stage.

Below: Moment of truth. These actors give a soul searching performance in "Equus."

Far Right: Pure Pandemonium! These characters know how to demand attention in "Arsenic and Old Lace."



Terry K. Roberts

Jamie Flynn



Greg Walker

Above: Pretty in Pink. Modeling her dress for last minute changes, this actress prepares to go onstage in "The Passion of Dracula."

Right: Not leaving the stage silently. Dracula portrays his final dramatic death scene

Far Right: Where the action takes place. The infamous Hoey Auditorium displaying it's colorful banners.





Jamie Flynn



Greg Walker

Theatre

A Visual Experience

Presenting a style unlike any other, the Department of Communication and Theater Arts along with the University Players, entertained all with a foray of performances. Some of these included: "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, "The Passion of Dracula" by Bob Hall and David Richmond, "Equus" by Peter Shaffer, and "The 1940's Radio Hour" by Walton Jones. Many hours

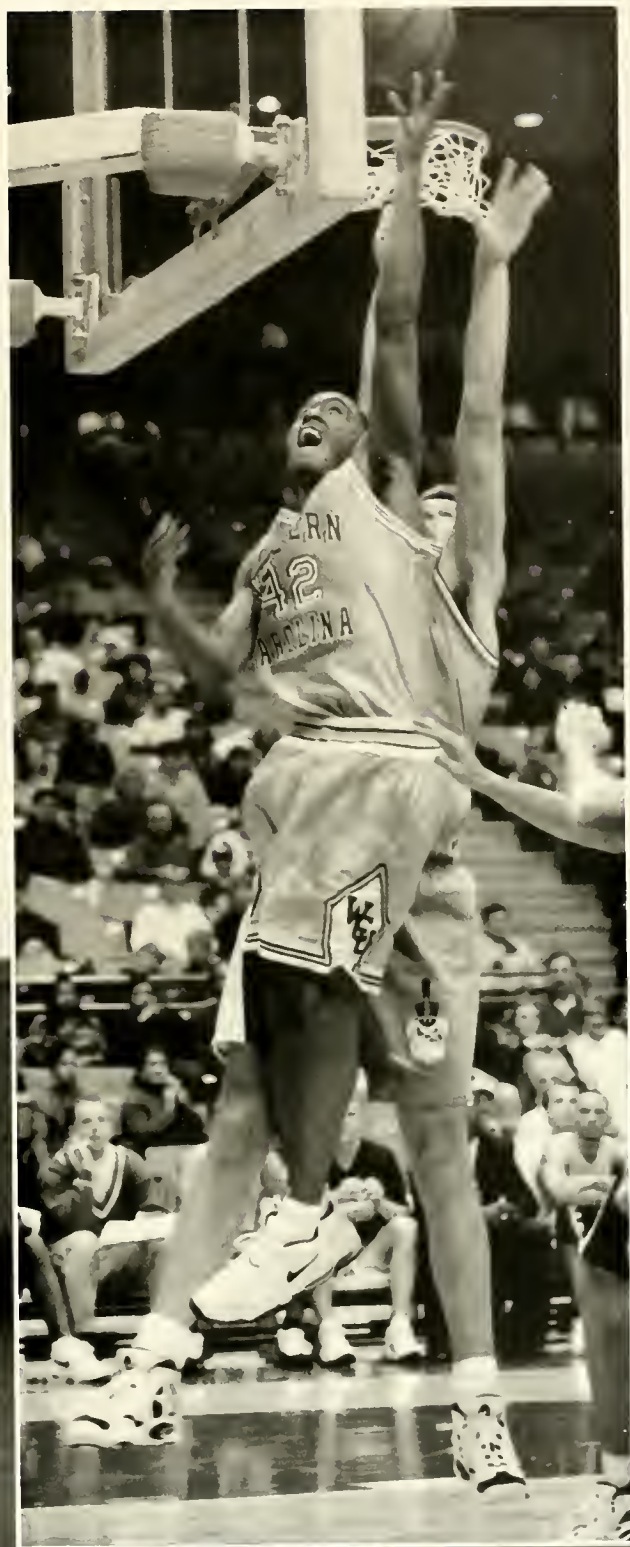
were spent in late night rehearsals struggling to make the characters come alive. Backstage crews designed and built sets in which some of the various theatre classes had the opportunity to help construct. Whatever the production, fun was had by all. The performers made the world their stage and no soul could forget the tremendous impact their characters created.

Sports



...cles don't have to stop you. If you're not a...
...and give up. Figure out...
...work around it." Michael Ford

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Going Long

As the Cats began a new season, no one could imagine what would become of them. Expectations were high as the new head coach, Bill Bleil, took over after Steve Hodgin left Western last summer.

The first win of the season for the Cats came over the Citadel Bulldogs. The Cats took advantage of any breaks in the game, including Lamont Williams scoring his first touchdown of the year on a 65 yard punt return. In the end, the Cats won the game 45-25 over the Bulldogs.

The Cats lost to East

Tennessee State Buccaneers the next week but later returned home to face the Furman Paladins with a new vengeance. The

Cats marched their way to victory over Furman, 17-16. This battle led to the Cats

gaining their first win against a nationally ranked Southern Conference team since 1992.

The Cats ended their home season with a blowout, beating VMI, 24-0. The team ended the season with an overall record of 3-8 and a Southern Conference record of 3-5.



Left: The chase is on as Kenya Crooks tries to run around the defense of Wofford.



Above: Lining up against VMI's defense, Western prepares to try and advance the ball further down the field.

Top: Full speed ahead! The Cats show their speed as Andy Bush runs long for another pass down field.

Left: Taking a break after a hard game, Jeff Patterson relaxes as the trainer talks to him.

Above: As his teammates try to make way for him, one of Western's own makes his way through VMI's defense.



Kris Grumwell



Kris Grumwell

Top: All smiles and cheers. The cheerleaders stop for a minute to get their picture taken.

Above: Practicing their stunts for a cheer, Jennifer Parker and Kim Cherry do back- handsprings to warm- up.

Right: All together now! The cheerleaders chant in perfect unison as the crowd yells their support for the Cats.



Greg Walker

Above: Go Cats! Kim Cherry raises her pom- poms into the air to rally the crowd's support for Western.

Movers & Shakers

The cheerleaders started a fresh season with very few members of last year's squad returning. An all-female squad, the cheerleaders pulled together and toughed it out to become a team.

The cheerleaders were at every home game and traveled to all of the away games for both football and basketball. Lending their support to the players was necessary for the teams, but their

main job was to get the crowd excited at the games.

These ladies worked many long hours to perfect their routines and cheers. Besides practice, the cheerleaders also spent many hours in the gym each week to help build their strength and endurance.

All of the hard work and spirit payed off for this team. The cheerleaders became a crucial part of the football and basketball games, supporting the teams to victory.



Kris Grunwell

Kris Grunwell



Right: All together now! The cheerleaders are picture perfect as they perform a cheer for the crowd.

Kris Grunwell



Spiking Back

The Cat's volleyball team began its 1997 home season with an impressive win over the Furman Paladins, winning all three games. This is a huge accomplishment for the Cats since this is the first win over Furman in 13 games, dating back to 1992. This is also the first time since 1989 that Western has swept Furman in all three games. After this win, the Cats gained the lead in the Southern Conference race.

This season the

Cats also gained their first tournament title since 1990 by winning the College of Charleston Invitational in Charleston, SC.

Three of Western's players were named to the all-tournament team, and Jessi Fick walked away with the tournament MVP award.

Overall, the volleyball team had an excellent season with many exciting and record-breaking wins. The volleyball team ended the season with an overall record of 15-20 and a record of 6-10 in Southern Conference play.



T.K. Roberts



T.K. Roberts

Left: Holly Poff slams the volleyball back smoothly and out of reach in hopes that the other team will be unable to return it.



Above: Jessi Fick sets the volleyball up for another teammate to return it to the other team.



T.K. Roberts



T.K. Roberts

Adam Moore



T.K. Roberts

Top: Head coach, Michelle Hansen gives Liz Smith tips to improve her game.

Above: Holly Poff jumps high into the air as Jessi Fick looks on. Both are trying to keep the ball from hitting the ground.

Left: After winning a close victory, the volleyball team gathers together for a quick victory huddle



Allen Moore



Allen Moore

Top: Racing each other to the finish line, Jessa races down the last stretch of the race with the competition on her heels.

Above: Increasing her pace, Jenny Warford speeds up so she could overtake the competition.

Right: Trying to keep pace with her teammates, Jessa Kirkland speeds up.



Greg Walker

Above: Training, competing, and playing together. Cross country teammates still find time to form lasting friendships.

Running Ragged

Expectations were high and pressure intense as the cross country teams began the season. The women's team was one of the youngest ever and the men's team was small, but competitive.

The women's cross country season began to take off after they achieved their first victory of the season at the Blue Ridge Parkway Challenge, held in Blowing Rock, NC. The team competed against Appalachian State and Bevard Junior College and won an impressive victory. This was the first time ever that Western's women have won over the

defending Southern Conference champions, the Appalachian State Mountaineers women's cross country team.

The men's cross country team had great success at the Greensboro Cross Country Invitational, gaining their first win of the season.

Through-out the race, the team could be seen in a pack near the front of the group. With two and a half miles left, Bill Baldwin broke free from the pack and raced to his first victory.

Overall, both teams have performed well this season, achieving well over what was expected of them.



Allen Moore



Kris Grunwell

Right: Leading the pack, Western runner's train long and hard to be the best.



Kris Grunwell

Beyond Hoops

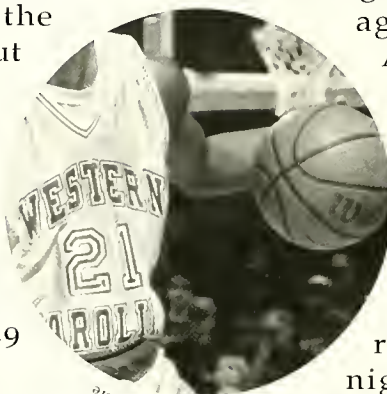
The Men's Basketball program got off to a great start this year. With the help of Coach Hopkins, the Cats set out for the Southern Conference. They had a 12-14 record for the season and a 6-9 Southern Conference record.

They were ranked fifth in the Southern Conference North Division. Senior, Bobby Phillips was the Southern Conference lead scorer. Joel Fleming and Jarvis Graham also contributed to many quality plays that led the Cata-

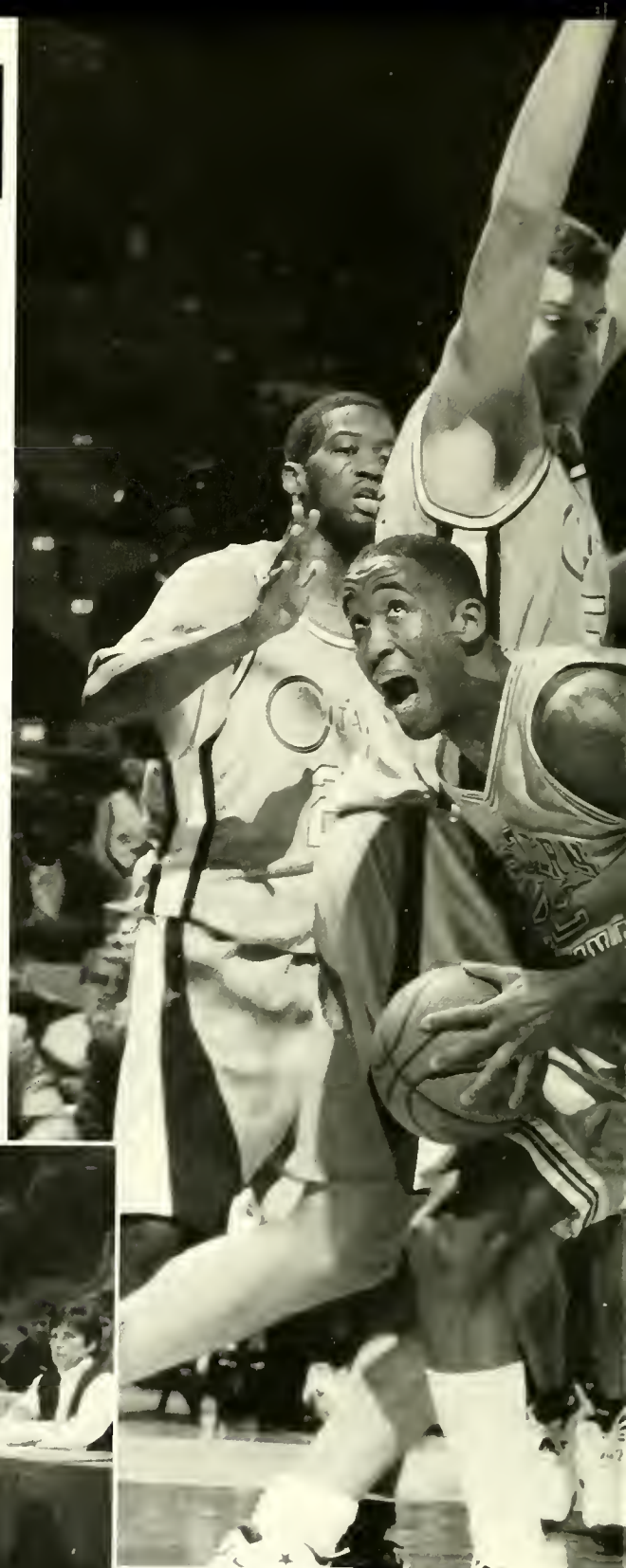
mounts to victory.

The Catamounts last regular season home game was against the Anderson College Trojans. The Cats picked up an easy win for their record. The night was

very emotional for the seniors because it was their last home game in Cullowhee. Next, the Cats moved on to the Southern Conference Tournament, which was held at the Greensboro Coliseum on February 26-March 1.



Allen Moore



Left: Fighting his way down the court, Derrick Drummond uses all of his strength to get the ball down the court to score.



Mark Haskett



Mark Haskett



Top: Dondrell Whitmore finds an opening around the opponent and pushes through to score.

Left: With an East Tennessee State player closely guarding him, Stacy Ervin looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to.

Above: Joey Bryson jumps high above the opponent to score another point.

Above: Breaking through all of Citadel players, Bobby Phillips focuses on the basketball goal and prepares to shoot.



Mark Haskett



Mark Haskett

Top: Trying her hardest to keep the opponent from getting the ball, Amber Wheeler looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Above: This Lady Cat concentrates her hardest as she tries to make a free throw.

Right: Tamara McMahan dribbles down the court towards the goal.



Mark Haskett

Above: With everyone else far behind, April Fleck takes off running so that she can score before everyone makes it to the end of the court.

Out of Bounds



The Lady Catamounts had a memorable season this year in the Southern Conference. Coach Maria Fantanarasa led them to a 6-18 record during the regular season and a 4-11 record in the Southern Conference.

Freshman, April Fleck had a picture perfect season as the team's top scorer. Senior night was a very emotional time for everyone. Two of the top senior Lady Cats, LaSha Jackson and Karen Mason had an outstand-

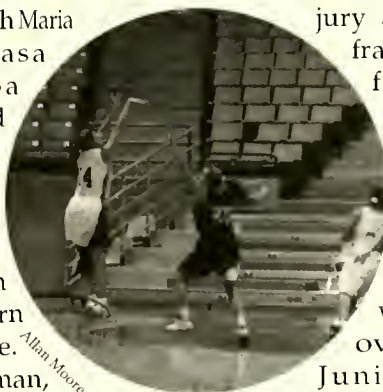
ing last regular season.

Sophomore Willow Russell returned this season after she suffered a shoulder injury and a stress fracture in her foot during last season.

The Lady Cats ended their eight game losing streak with a win over Wofford.

Junior Amber

Wheeler added several key plays that contributed to a team win. Freshman, Katie Scott was a big surprise during the game against Appalachian State. She tied her career high of ten points and four assists.



Mark Haskett

Allan Moore



Mark Haskett

Right: Karen Mason protects the ball from the opponent as she tries to steal the ball from her.

Grand Slam

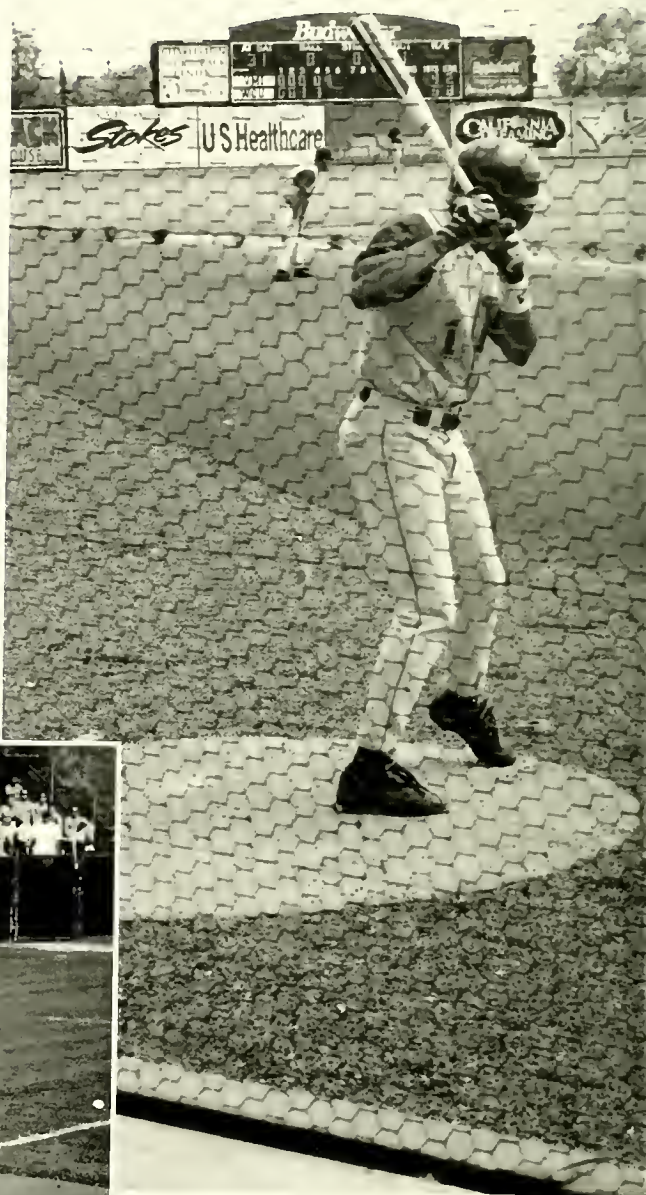
The Catamounts proved to have a better baseball season this year than in the past few years. The team put in many hours every week for practices, games, and traveling all over the Southeast. Many times, the team played three to four games a week. This talented and dedicated group of players went into this year's Southern Conference with high hopes and dreams to come out winners. They began the Southern Conference Tournament with

a 38-13, 20-6 record. The Catamounts beat Appalachian to get a number three seed into the tournament.

Only the top eight teams qualify to play in the tournament.

The Southern Conference

Tournament was held April 30 - May 3 in Charleston, S.C. No matter the outcome, the team gave 110% and will always be winners. Coach Rodney Hennon had to be pleased with his teams performance and an outstanding season.



Left: #1, Martin Barrow, puts all his strength behind his bat. During his senior year he used his perfect batting stance to hit the ball into the outfield.



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Top: Good job! The Catamounts celebrate a homerun made by Chuck Koone.

Left: Group huddle. Dan Kyslinger goes over the game strategy with the pitcher.

Above: Planning a win. The Cats group together and discuss their plan on how they are going to win the game. By the looks of their statistics, the teams plan must have worked!

Right: Giving it your all. This track team member put all of her strength and effort into perfecting her form and technique.

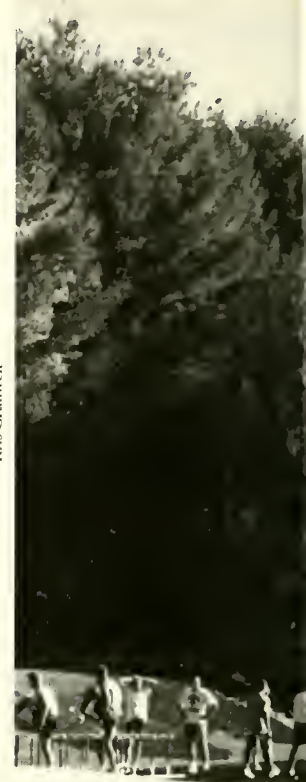
Below: And away it goes! This team member sends the shot put flying through the air. Shot put takes great upperbody strength to be able to compete.



Kris Grunwell



Kris Grunwell



Above: Give it your best shot! Robyn Stockunas puts a lot of her effort into throwing the shot put proving that she has the strength this event requires.

Running Ahead

Track is a sport that requires many hours of intense training and practice each week.

The track team participated in events

such as the mile, 800, 400, 4 x 4 relay, 200, and the hurdles. Other events include the greek hammar,

triple jump, high jump, poll vaulting, discus, and the shot put. The track team was very busy this year, regularly attending meets all throughout the South and Northeast.



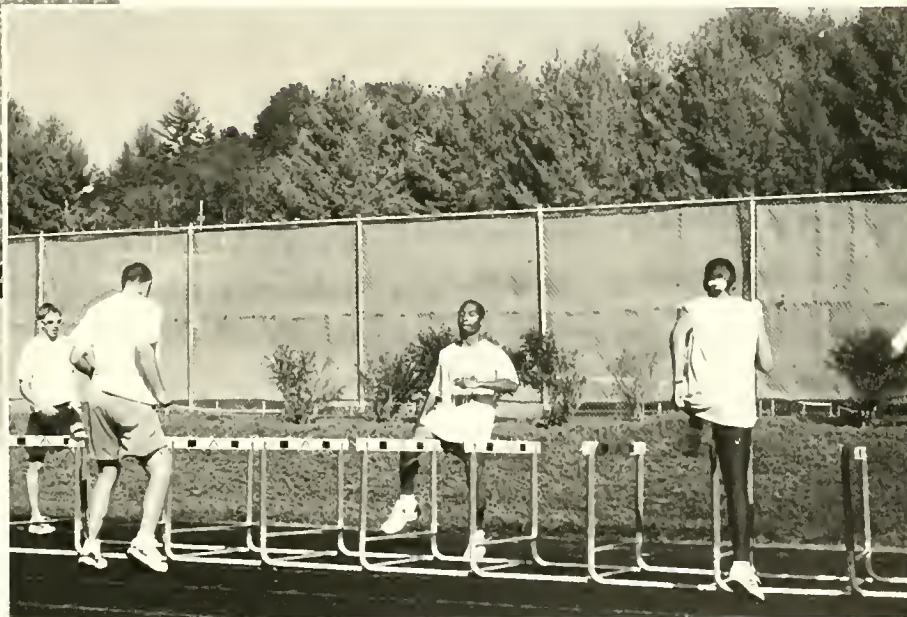
Kris Grunwell



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Right: The track team gathers to warm up before practice by jumping hurdles. Proper stretching is a necessity to prevent pulling a muscle.

Kris Grunwell



Serving Strong

Getting back into the swing of things is a task that you have to practice. The tennis team spent many hours in the hot, spring sun to practice and improve their games. While the team remained focused and dedicated throughout the entire year, they still managed to have some fun. Hard work and determination was essential for the team to have an outstanding season. Tennis is a high impact sport that requires

each player to maintain speed, accuracy and dedication. The teams overall record was 5-10 for the season. Due to their many hours of long and intense practice, the Catamounts had a successful season. The team traveled many different places over the southeast even to Bermuda. The team and Coach Weinman should be congratulated on a great season.



Greg Walker



Greg Walker

Left: Ready and waiting. This player is well prepared to serve the ball to the opposing player.



Greg Walker



Greg Walker

Above: "Slam!" This Lady Cat puts all of her strength into her swing.

Greg Walker



Top: Time for a break. After an intense workout, the Lady Cats took a few minutes to get a cool drink and have a conversation.

Left: This player gave all she had into hitting her backhand shot.

Above: Keep your eye on the ball! This Lady Cat watched the ball and used her perfected technique to hit the ball over the net.



Kris Grunwell



Kris Grunwell

Top: Jason Sugg and Jason Thomas worked on their drives down the fairway.

Above: Jason Sugg works on his swing. The perfect swing can mean the difference in winning and losing a game.

Right: Head coach, Johnny White, gave many useful tips to the golfers throughout the season to improve the team's skills.



Kris Grunwell

Above: Brad Hawkins prepares to take a swing. The golf team spent many hours on the practice course each week.

Teeing Off



Western Carolina's men's and women's golf teams traveled constantly throughout the fall semester to places all over the Southeast. Intense travel can take its toll on these teams as athletes and students. Even facing adversity, these men and women never wavered in play. Both teams played very consistently, placing well in every tournament they participated in.

The men's team began their season at the Charleston Southern Fall Invitational held at Pine Forest Country Club in Summerville, SC. The men had

a good showing, finishing seventh out of fifteen teams competing. Two new-comers to the team, sophomore, Brad Hawkins and freshman, Jason Sugg, produced the highest place at the meet for the Cats; both tied for 23rd out of 77.

The women's team played very well at the Appalachian State Co-ed Invitational, hosted by Appalachian State University. The women's team walked away with fifth place overall. Junior, Summer Brannock produced the Cats top performance with a total score of 171.

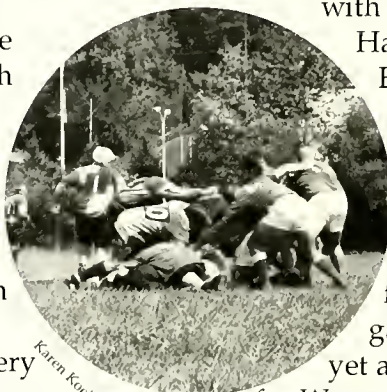


Right: Jacqueline Drygas and head coach Johnny Wike discuss what improvements can be made in her game.



Danger Zone

Western Carolina's rugby team had a very competitive season with many tough battles against them. The rugby team ended up having a very good season.



Karen Koehler

The rugby team played one of Western's best rivalries early in the season. Appalachian State started out strong winning the first game 25-0, even though Western had some strong and aggressive plays.

The second game was much better for Western with Dave

Hamilton and Edwin Rios leading the way. In the end, the rugby team finished the game 15-7; yet another win for Western.

In the Ruggers' last home game against the UNC- Wilmington Seahawks, Western was able to slip past and come out with another win, 28-20 and 7-5.

The Ruggers ended the season with a 6-3 record.



Karen Koehler

Left: Wrestling with each other, both teams struggle to get possession of the ball so that they can score.



Above: Jumping high into the air, John Farrel attempts to block the pass made by the other team.



Top: Western proud. The WCU Rugby team

Above: Western attacks again to gain control of the ball.

Left: Piling on top of each other, Western struggles with Duke to land on top of the ball to help get control of the game.

Greek



"No matter what the letter, we're all GREEK."





Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega, a national collegiate sorority, offered lifetime membership, experience in self-government, encouragement to develop as an educated woman, philanthropic service to others, and high personal standards. The sorority was founded at DePaul University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1885. With chapters at over 120 colleges, Alpha Chi Omega came to Western in 1985. The chapter was quite active on campus, participating in intramurals, mixers, formals, philanthropic activities and academics. Sisters always took the time to learn about each other and strengthen the bond of sisterhood creating lifelong friendships. Alpha Chi's also came together for projects such as Easter Seals, Cystic Fibrosis, McDowell Colony, and Special Olympics.



Top Right: Representing Alpha Chi, these sisters wear their letters with pride. At the beginning of each year, all the Greeks get together around the clock tower to show Western who they are and what they're all about. These Alpha Chi's show that their sorority has dignity and lasting friendships.

Above: "All ya need is love!" Spending time with each other in the study, these sisters show what true friendship means. Being there for each other and spending time with sisters is a big part of being in a sorority.

Right: "All dressed up and EVERYWHERE to go!" These sisters are ready to hit the town and have some fun! What better way to do it than with eight of your best friends?

Quote: "There's so many personalities that everyone fits in without conforming to a group." -Jenny Griffith



Alpha Gamma Delta



Alpha Gamma Delta was founded May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University. The chapter received its charter February 24, 1996 and became part of Greek life at WCU. Alpha Gam sisters hold the meaning of sisterhood close to their hearts, possessing their own individuality at the same time. Sisters were lively members of campus life, involved in homecoming, honorary clubs, intramurals, student support services, teaching fellows, and yearbook. Sisters held high scholarships and strong academics. Service projects were a big part in sisterhood, too. Alpha Gams devoted their energy and time to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and also campus clean-up.

note: "I became an Alpha Gam because it's a young sorority and I wanted to help build a tradition." -Krystal Yarbrough



Top Left: Did someone say sleepover? These Alpha Gam sisters gracefully rolled out of bed, ready to start their day. The Alpha Gams are a new sorority at Western, but they definitely know what sisterhood means.

Above: The Alpha Gams gave a new meaning to Christmas at their mixer called "The Gam that Stole Christmas." These sisters don't hesitate when it comes to getting into the holiday spirit!

Right: All smiles, these girls look like they're having fun. No matter where they are or what they're doing, Alpha Gams always represent their sorority with class and dignity. With friends like these, every night out is an adventure.

AKA

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. was founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, DC by nice, enthusiastic women. Their colors are pink and green. Their purpose is to be of service to all mankind, to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, and to promote unity and friendship among college women. They are in programs such as establishing a senior residence center, strengthening Alpha Kappa Alpha's Washington, DC presence, the Red Cross, and uplifting the black family.



Quote: "Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood that shows love and understanding of one another."

Top Right: Spending time together and becoming close sisters is an important aspect of all sororities especially Alpha Kappa Alpha. The friendships that are formed last a lifetime.

Above: The Alpha Kappa Sisters share a bond that runs deep. Sisters forever, these girls know who their real friends are.

Middle: Awaiting their meeting, these Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters pause for a quick snapshot. Organization and order helps to keep the sorority running well and together for present and future events.

Bottom Right: Proudly displaying their letters, these Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters know where they belong. Through everything, these sisters are there for each other no matter what. That's what a sister is for.



Alpha Omega Chi

AΩX



Alpha Omega Chi is a non-denominational Christian sorority. They offer a fun, exciting, nonalcoholic fraternal ministry. Weekly meetings are held in order to enjoy the fellowship and involve bible studies, visiting rest homes, and various other activities. The purpose of Alpha Omega fraternal ministries is to raise up men and women who want to know God and to make Him known. Their dream and mission is and forever will be to provide a Christian alternative to other Greek fraternities and sororities.

Quote: "Let us not love with words or tongue but with action and in truth."



Top Left: Alpha Omega Chi sisters (left to right) Jenny, Tammy, Tanya, Heathel, Cheri, Leah, Heather, Kim, Patricia, Polly, Beth, Jenn, Sally, Julie, Wendy, Jennifer, and Holly pose for a quick picture.

Above: Proudly showing off their banner, these sisters are ready to go hang it for everyone to see. All the organizations on campus make a spirit banner for Homecoming, backing the Cats.

Bottom Left: Now this is closeness! Alpha Omega Chi pride themselves on being open and sharing sisters through God. From the looks of it, they're definitely close.



Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta, a national fraternity, was founded in 1983. Alpha Xi's were committed to their national philanthropy, "Choose Children." Sisters led active lives on Western's campus. Many took part in various aspects of student life. Involvement in such activities as: blood drives, intramurals, fund-raisers, service projects, formals, mixers, and retreats provided the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta with team building skills. Sisters also stressed the qualities of loyalty and friendship in the bond of sisterhood.



Top Right: These Alpha Xi sisters take a break from dancing for a picture. AΞΔ's made sure they made an appearance at the Delta Sig Halloween Party to represent their sorority. All decked out in their costumes, all eyes were on them!

Above: Girl's night out! Straws poised - these sisters look like they're having fun! Hanging out with your best friends is always fun and definitely eventful.

Right: "Wuz up?" Throughout the semester, the Alpha Xi's have mixers with each of the fraternities. This "gangster mixer" with the Lambda Chi's shows that the AΞΔ's know how to have fun.

Quote: "Alpha Xi represents a group of strong, diverse, open-minded, and ambitious girls who constantly strive for excellence" -Brooke Queen



Delta Zeta



Delta Zeta, the largest national sorority, was founded October 24, 1902, at Miami University in Oxford Ohio. DZ's could be seen all over campus, participating in sports, clubs, and associated activities. Delta Zeta sisters were actively involved in numerous service projects for the community: Adopt-a-Highway, carnival and candy donations, and visiting the Mountain Trace Nursing Home. Delta Zeta received the Most Improved Chapter in the country at the national convention last summer. As sisters strived to create lasting friendships and to understand the true meaning of sisterhood, Delta Zeta was voted "Sorority of the Year" for the past two years at Western Carolina.

Quote: "You always have sisters to support you no matter what - it's like a home away from home." -Melinda Hunt



Top Left: On Mother/Daughter Weekend, DZ's Shannon, Julianne, Destiny, Melissa, Amy, Angela, Erin, Brandi, Joy, and Brandy pose in their flapper outfits. They performed one of the RUSH skits for their mothers to see. Mother/Daughter Weekend is a time for DZ moms to see what Delta Zeta is all about.

Above: Along with all the games, events, and fun, Greek life is a time for bonding and friends. These DZ's stick together through it all - especially during Greek Week. Their confidence in winning shines through their smiles as they prepare for the next event.

Left: The Delta Zeta Sisters know what Western Pride means. Decked out in their nicest dress clothes, they pause to flash a smile for a picture. Before all the football games, the Greeks tailgate and play music in the parking lot of the baseball field.



Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC by twenty-two courageous African-American women. Deltas, with the color of cream and crimson, were founded based on Christian principles and built on scholastic achievement. The Pi Gamma chapter was founded April 28, 1984, on the campus of Western Carolina University. Since the chapter arrived on campus, Deltas have held the highest GPA among the African-American organizations.



Top Right: To visit any historic landmark is a special opportunity for any sorority member. These two sisters show their pride in representing Western and their chapter at the Asheville Alumnae House.

Above: Sisters with Pride. These Delta sisters are decked out in their nicest clothes representing their sorority with class. Love, truth, and pride keep these girls close in the bond of sisterhood.

Bottom Right: Fundraisers and philanthropies are an important concern with the Deltas. These sisters have joined together to support and raise money for a fundraiser.

Quote: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." --Delta Sigma Theta Public Motto



Phi Mu

ΦΜ



"As the second oldest national sorority," Phi Mu was founded March 4, 1852, at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Their colors are white and pink; their flower is the rose carnation and their mascot is the lion; Sir Fidel. The Gamma Mu Chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity prides itself on campus and community involvement. On campus, many sisters are executive officers in clubs in their individual majors, active in SGA, and members of Cata-mountain Ladies.

Quote: "Phi Mu's are a diverse and strong group of girls who pride themselves with love, friendship, and loyalty."--Leigh Ross



Top Left: Partying in style! These Phi Mu sisters are decked out in their best dresses for their Fall Formal. Each semester Phi Mu's treat their dates to a night of glamour and fun.

Middle: "Lollipop, Lollipop, Oh, lollipop!" Trying to satisfy her sweet tooth, Bree Holton gets ready to chomp on her lollipop!

Left: "Girls Day Out!" These sisters enjoy a sunny fall afternoon watching The Indigo Girls Concert. Their smiles show how strong the bond of sisterhood can be.

Above: Phi Mu sisters Erika, Leigh, Anna, Jamie, Amy, Heather, and Laura smile for a quick picture. Dressed to kill, they await the start of the Homecoming game against Wofford.

AΦA

Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY on December 4, 1906. It was the first Greek-letter organization founded for African Americans.

The Nu Zeta chapter here at WCU was founded on May 7, 1977. The colors of the fraternity are black and old gold. Since the organization's founding in 1906, more than 150,000 men have joined the ranks of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Some of the fraternity's legacy members include Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, Eddie Robinson, and Jesse Owens.



Quote: "First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all."

-- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Top Right: Brothers Najarad Ross and Marvin Johnson posing with some children at the Youth Retreat that was held in Reidsville, NC.

Above: The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha always dress their best. Alpha Phi Alpha's motto is, "Everybody can't be the best."

Bottom Right: Jermaine, Roderick, Marvin, Todd, Errol, and Altun know the true meaning of brotherhood. The Nu Zeta chapter was founded at Western in 1977.



Zeta Phi Beta

ZΦB



Five beautiful and intelligent African-American women decided not to embrace the ideology of established black sororities and chartered Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at Howard University on January 16, 1920.

The Zeta Xi chapter was organized at Western Carolina University in 1989. Zeta Xi is actively involved in many service projects in the surrounding community and on WCU's campus. Past projects include: clothing and food drives with REACH of Jackson County, Diabetes and other health awareness programs and social programs such as Hot Wings and Game night.

Quote: "Zeta Phi Beta fosters the spirit of sisterly love, and promoting the ideal of finer womanhood."



Top Left: Service projects are a vital part of sorority involvement. Together with their sisters, the Zeta Xi chapter shows their spirit.

Above: Zeta Phi Beta is based on sisterly love and the close bonds of friendship. Zeta's strive to become better women and closer friends through service projects, clothing and food drives, and just spending time with their sisters.

Bottom Left: Zeta Phi Beta believes in helping as much as they can in the community to make a difference. Making an appearance at several hospitals and rest homes is a chance for Zeta's to share their joy of life and to brighten someone's day.

ZTA

Zeta Tau Alpha

To be a Zeta is to be an individual, with unique ideas and goals. Each Zeta shared her love and friendship that contributed to the building of the purer and nobler womanhood in a number of areas. One aspect that Zeta Tau Alpha especially excelled in was the service to others. In addition to philanthropy events, ZTA's enjoyed many social, scholarship, and sisterhood activities. The key words for many Zeta's are beauty, winning, unity, individuality, and friendship. Also, love, the greatest of all things, but in Zeta that goes without saying.



Top Right: Greek Week is always a memorable and fun week where sisterhood plays a major key. It's all smiles from these ZTA sisters as they prepare to stick together and WIN!

Above: Tailgating is always an experience to remember. Especially when you have your best friends to do it with. These girls look ready to go and support the Cats at the football game.

Right: "Who needs guys!?" Hanging out on the hall with the girls is always a bonding experience and definitely fun. Rain or shine, ZTA sisters are always for each other.

Quote: "The last day of fall rush, I knew I wanted to be a Zeta. It was Zeta or nothing." -Stacy Chappell



Alpha Omega Delta



"Our mission is to know God and make Him known by having a fun and exciting non- alcoholic Christian Greek fraternal ministry dedicated to knowing God and each other through daily private Bible study and prayer, evangelism programs, service projects, social events, biblical living and accountability."

The Alpha Omega Delta fraternity was founded by Dustin LaPorte in 1993. The Western Beta Chapter is the last remaining chapter. Alpha Omega Delta's have weekly devotional with their sister sorority, Alpha Omega Chi. They are involved in many service projects for churches, needing families and nursing homes.

Quote: "Alpha Omega Delta is a strong Christian outlet for brotherhood and growth in Christ" -Eric Schmeider



Top Left: The Alpha Omega Delta fraternity is the only chapter left in the United States. It was originally founded in Charlotte, even though that chapter died out, the Beta Chapter here at Western continued its tradition.

Above: "How does that song go again?" These brothers got together to play the guitar on their brother retreat. The Alpha Omega Delta fraternity love to go on road trips and go camping. Each trip brings the brothers together through love and Christ.

Left: During this meeting of Alpha Omega Delta and their sister sorority, Alpha Omega Chi, the brothers and sister talk about Christ and prayer. These meetings bring them closer through sharing their beliefs and love for Christ.



DeltaChi

Delta Chi was founded locally at WCU in 1991, and founded Nationally at Cornell University in 1890.

Delta Chi's stress high academics and bold work ethics. As membership continues to grow, brothers are active in the adopt-a-road program, intramurals, blood drives, and fund-raising for their National Philanthropy, the Leukemia Society of America.



Top Right: "Aloha!!!" With lei's up to their hairlines, these Delta Chi brothers know how to put on a luau! The Delta Chi's, Sigma Nu's, Alpha Chi's, and Alpha Xi's got together to mix Hawaiian style.

Above: The Annual Homecoming Parade always brings out the locals to Main Street to watch the procession of Greeks, Clubs, and sport teams. The Delta Chi's eagerly wait for the start of the parade.

Bottom Right: "What are they saying?" Huddled together, the Delta Chi's chant is leaving this parent a little befuddled. The brotherhood bond of the Delta Chi's is shown in many ways.

Quote: "Our members believe that brotherhood is a two-way street, if you expect its advantages, you must live up to its obligations."--Kyle Foy



Kappa Alpha

KA



Kappa Alpha Order is a way of life significant to the development of young men. Said to be "the gentlemen of the fraternity world," the brothers of Kappa Alpha believe in the acquisition of knowledge and the development of character to be great goals of life.

Brothers are involved in Student Government, honor societies, intramurals, mixers, charity events and Old South Weekend. KA seeks to teach young men to be leaders, brave, self-reliant, and to continuously strive to better themselves.

Quote: "The forbearing use of power does not only form touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others in a test of a true gentlemen."

--Robert E. Lee



Top Left: Gentlemen at heart, these KA brothers dress to a "T" at the dinner formal called The Dixie Ball. Held in Franklin this year, it was a chance for new brothers and old brothers to bond and create many memories.

Above: Lounging around is definitely the favored activity on a Sunday afternoon, especially with your best friends close by--literally! These "Southern Belles" look like they've mastered the art of lounging with their favorite group of guys.

Bottom Left: Representing their fraternity, the KA brothers are looking for new members and showing WCU what they're all about. In Kappa Alpha Order, brotherhood is a bond that lasts forever.

KKΨ

Kappa Kappa Psi

Kappa Kappa Psi is an honorary band service fraternity. As lovers of music and band, Kappa Kappa Psi supports the band program at Western. During marching band season, members are responsible for keeping the band running smoothly; from holding leadership positions such as section leader, to hauling water, lining fields, raising money for new equipment and participating in the classroom. Members often go to conventions to intermingle with other college band members.



Quote: "Kappa Kappa Psi is an integral part of the band program, supporting, upholding, and continuing music motion."

Top Right: Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity members are (L to R) Becky White, Benji Phillips, Kirk Macemore, Rick Anchia, Katherine Robeson, Meredith Suther, Lynn Berry, Krystal Violet, Shane Thomas, Woodie White, Micheal Lewter, Steven Crumpler, Crystal Perkins, Shane Benson, Rick Bowes.

Above: Dressed in their best, Benji Phillips and Meredith Suther sit enjoying their dinner at the Band Banquet. Kappa Kappa Psi attends the Annual Banquet every year.

Bottom Right: Gathered in the band room, the members of Kappa Kappa Psi take a moment to have some fun. Proudly posing in front of their letters, these members represent them well.



Lambda Chi Alpha



Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, "The Fraternity of Honest Friendship" is very active in Greek Life at Western. With social events at their own riverfront house such as mixers, Sorority Kidnapp, Lambdapalooza, and Crescent Weekend, they strive to make college a fun experience. They are all-campus intramural champions and are involved in the community through charities and fundraisers.

Quote: "The Fraternity of Honest Friendship."



Top Left: Stylin' and Profilin', the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha show how much fun they're having tailgating before the homecoming game.

Middle: Stopping for a quick snapshot, Paul Zytnik and his big brother, Daniel Farlow show how strong the bond of brotherhood is. Close friendships are definitely not hard to come by at the Lambda Chi house where there's never a dull moment.

Above: Brothers: Jeff, Bryan, Jeff, and Daniel share a moment on D-block (the bottom hall of their two story house). Living out at the fraternity house is definitely a fun experience.

Bottom Left: "Just when you thought they were guys!" Pimps Kevin and Brian, introduce their "call girls:" (L to R) Ryan, Victor, Brad, Chris, Bryant, Paul, Jason, and Jeremy.



Phi Beta Sigma

The Phi Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. was founded on the campus of WCU on November 26, 1986. One founding brother was determined to establish a fraternal organization to meet the needs of local and college communities. They are active member in NPH (National Pan-Hellenic) and also CAAP; the organization that developed for all African American orientated clubs on campus.



Top Right: Phi Beta Sigma is a strong fraternity of brotherhood and unity. These brothers pride themselves on leadership and scholarship above all else.

Above: Proudly wearing their letters, these brothers take a minute for a snapshot. Phi Beta Sigma participates in many activities and also hosted the Sleepout for the Homeless and StompFest 97'!

Bottom Right: The Sigma Brothers spend some quality time together before going out for the night. This year marks the eleventh year for the Sigmas on WCU's campus, and they continue to grow. Fraternal involvement is very important to Sigmas.

Quote: "The values of scholarship, brotherhood, and service are stressed among Phi Beta Sigma."



Pi Kappa Alpha



Pi Kappa Alpha was founded at Western in 1967 and is based on brotherly love, kind feelings, academics, athletics, and campus involvement. Pikes hold many socials such as Homecoming, Founder's Day, Pikes Peak, and Dream Girl. Through these functions and others, Pikes strive to form brotherly bonds that last a lifetime.

Quote: "Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is an organization based on leadership, brotherhood, and academic excellence."

--Beau Shiflet



Top Left: All dressed up and nowhere to go? These guys know the meaning of fun. Coming together and strengthening brotherhood is important to Pikes.

Middle: This car isn't going anywhere! With 12 Pikes on top of this little car, it's definitely not moving.

Above: The Annual Homecoming parade is a good opportunity for Greeks to proudly wear their letters for all of Sylva to see. Riding their infamous fire truck, the Pikes prepare to show their WCU spirit in downtown Sylva.

Bottom Left: Having good relations with Western's important figures ranks high with all Greeks. As Bardo makes his rounds before the homecoming football game, he stops to talk with Pi Kappa Alpha brothers.



Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Phi was established in 1904 in Charleston, SC upon the idea of Christian manhood, fellowship, personal responsibility, scholarship, and citizenship. The eternal brotherhood of Gamma Epsilon chapter became a part of Western's campus life November 12, 1966. Known as the "friendly fraternity," brothers live with the motto "Nothing shall ever tear us asunder." Active on campus and in the community, Pi Kapp's work diligently for PUSH America, their national philanthropy.



Quote: "Mystic bond of brotherhood make all men one." --Jon Harwood

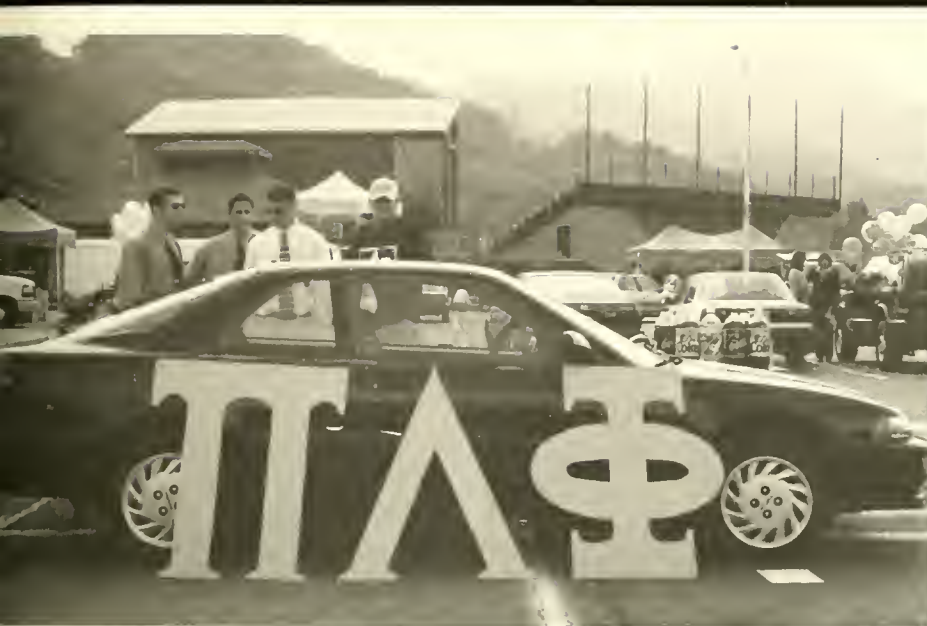
Top Right: The Pi Kappa Phi brothers. With 26 "new brothers," the Pi Kapp's will almost double in size. With the largest pledge class fall semester, and their yellow shirts--Pi Kapps were definitely everywhere.

Above: Pi Kapp brothers Mike and Johnny show us what having fun means! Pi Kappa Phi brothers share friendships that are true and supporting. Through intramurals, mixers, and partying, the Pi Kapps stick together no matter what.

Bottom Right: "Tall, dark, and handsome--times 10!" All decked out in their best clothes, these guys are definitely dressed to kill. The Pi Kapps hold a formal each semester. From the looks of it, they know how to have fun!



Pi Lambda Phi



Pi Lambda Phi was founded in 1895, upon the common belief that all men are created free and equal. These beliefs have brought about a culturally and racially diversity in Pi Lambda Phi. The Omega Zeta chapter at WCU was formed in 1978. The chapter at Western continues to grow, by playing an active role within the college and community.

Quote: "Your chapter reflects the caliber of men you Rush."



Top Left: With pride, Phi Lam's display their letters before the Homecoming Game. These brothers like to spend quality time together.

Above: These brothers are going to set the night on fire. Gathered around the campfire, the Pi Lam brothers keep warm at the fire.

Bottom Left: Dressed to kill! These brother really know how to impress the girls. Style is the Pi Lam's middle name.

ΣΧ

Sigma Chi

When change and progress come to mind, so does the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The fraternity has made accomplishments that normally take over a decade to achieve. The Sigma Chi's brotherhood is diverse in temperament, talent, and conviction. The fraternity's success is due to the practice of friendship, justice, and learning. The result of this practice is a lifelong commitment to brotherhood in the Sigma Chi Fraternity.



Top Right: All decked out in their nicest attire, the Sigma Chi brothers got together for a snapshot. Their smiles show how much fun they are having while tailgating before the homecoming game.

Above: Brothers, Kevin, Jason, Cory, and Toby know what friendship means when it comes to brotherhood. Despite the loss of their house first semester, the Sigma Chi brothers still hold activities and stay as close as they've always been.

Right: "United we stand, Divided we fall." Sigma Chi Brothers, TJ and Clayton await the homecoming game to cheer on Todd English, who was a member of the Homecoming court.

Quote: "Sigma Chi is a way of life. It teaches you to be true to yourself and others." -- John H. King I



Sigma Nu

ΣΝ



Sigma Nu was founded at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. Based on love, truth, and honor, Sigma Nu has evolved into the top fraternity in the country, according to the National Interfraternity Council. The WCU chapter of Sigma Nu was chartered in 1985, and offers a strong sense of brotherhood and scholastic achievement. Only the best and hardworking men wear the Sigma Nu badge. Sigma Nu's present a challenge to all who desire the best and who are willing to strive diligently to attain it.

Quote: "The qualities of Sigma Nu are love, truth, and honor. The most important thing is honor." -- Charles Jenkins



Top Left: Preparing for another night of partying, these Sigma Nu brothers show how close their friendships are. These brothers are always there to support each other and this is definitely no exception.

Above: The Sigma Nu fraternity was founded in 1869. This chapter came to Western in 1985. Proudly wearing their letters, these brothers know where they belong.

Left: "Nice Bikini!" These Sigma Nu brothers obviously know where to shop for the best swimwear.



Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was founded nationally at Richmond College in 1901. Today, Sig Eps are one of the leading Greek organizations with approximately 289 chapters nationwide.

Here at WCU, the North Carolina Pi chapter has dedicated itself to the pursuit of college men who possess the qualities that will keep Sigma Phi Epsilon among the Nation's best fraternities.



Quote: "I believe that every night implies a responsibility; every opportunity, the obligation; and every possession, a

Top Right: Parents Weekend is a time for Parents to come to WCU and find out what's going on at Western. Proudly wearing their letters, these Sig Ep brothers want everyone to know what they are a part of.

Above: The Sig EP's have a brotherhood that lasts a lifetime. A tailgate party is a great way to release stress.

Middle: Sig Ep's brotherhood bond is as strong as rocks. There is nothing that would separate these brothers.

Bottom Right: This Sig Ep brother and his date take a break from partying at a formal. These two really know how to have fun.



Tau Kappa Epsilon

TKE



Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded nationally on January 10, 1899. TKE is the largest international fraternity. While at WCU, the brothers of Zeta Omicron have achieved success in all aspects of life. Tau Kappa Epsilon's recognition as WCU's 1990 fraternity of the year, is the testament to the fact that while a social fraternity, TKE stresses academic achievement and community involvement.

*Quote: "Not for wealth, rank,
or honor, but for the personal
worth and character."
Tau Kappa Epsilon Creed*



Top Left: Grubbin' down at O'Malley's, these TKE brothers enjoy dinner with an alumni. The bonds of brotherhood last a lifetime.

Middle: These brothers had a great time at the Haywood Piers Hotel owned by one of the brother's dads, after their informed formal, these guys bare it all!

Above: This girl's got it made, dancing with TKE brothers Mike Dancy and Mike Groves. Who wouldn't want to spend Saturday night with the TKE's?

Bottom Left: Stuffing their faces, these brothers enjoy a night out at the Jarrett House. Eating out together is just one of the many activities brothers do together to strengthen their bond and their friendships.



Theta Xi

Theta Xi was WCU's first fraternity. Theta Xi prides themselves on a strong brotherhood, excellent alumni support, and a well kept house. Theta Xi stresses individuality of its members and does not expect any member to compromise. This fraternity promotes university and community relations, by sponsoring a local youth soccer team and doing philanthropic work on behalf of the mentally handicapped and Habitat for Humanity.



Quote: "Theta Xi is a group of individuals that have come together to form a strong brotherhood."--Jason Guthrie

Top Right: Cheers! Cups high in the air, these Theta Xi brothers give a toast to their Seniors that are graduating.

Above: Microphones set and guitars ready, these brothers prepare to sing "Brown Eyed Girl" at the annual talent show during Greek Week. With their perfect performance they won 1st place.

Bottom Right: Let the games begin! All of WCU's sororities and fraternities gather on Theta Xi's lawn to participate in the Greek Games. Hosted by Theta Xi, Greek Games are one of the most competitive and fun part of Greek Week.

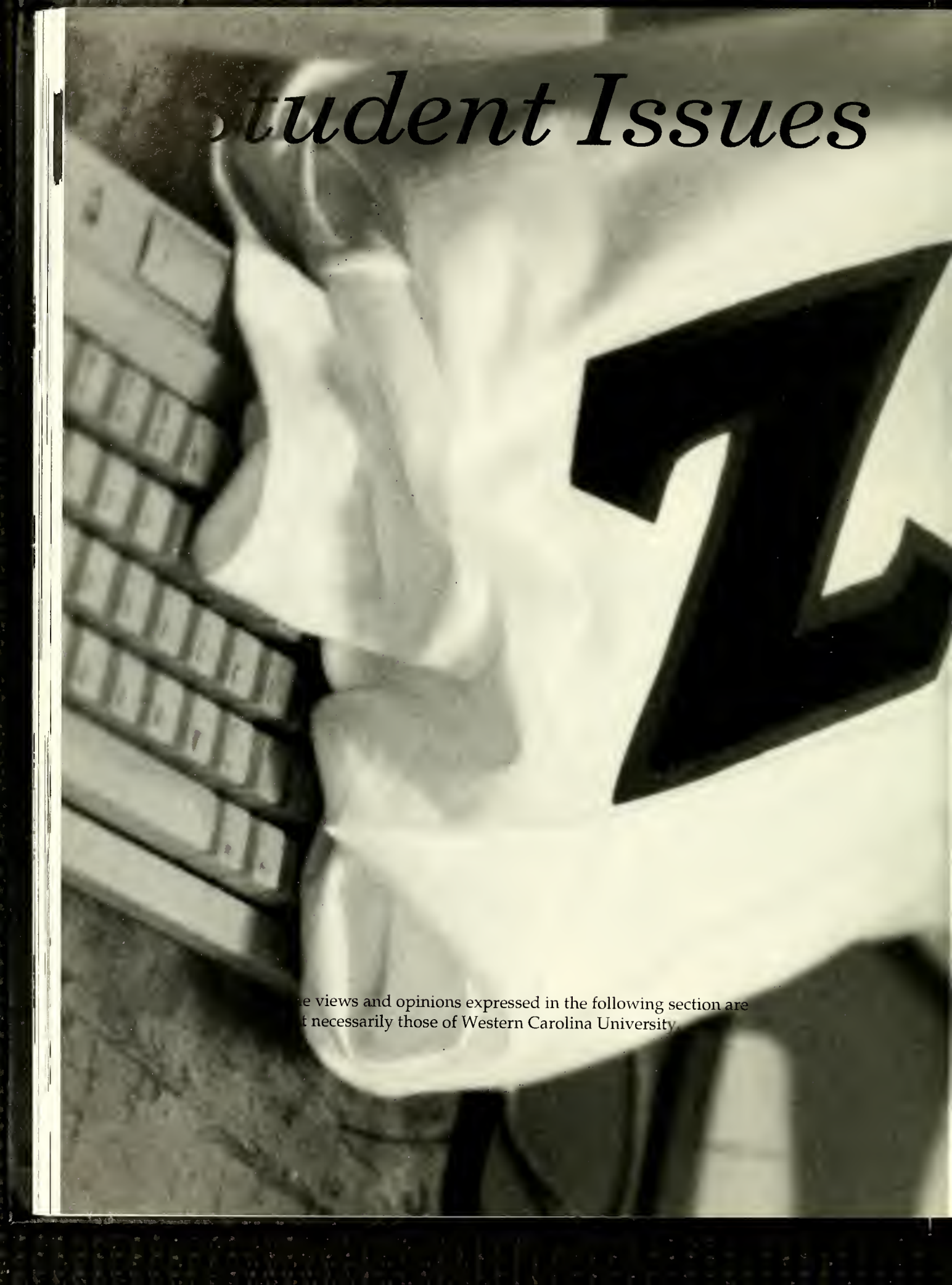




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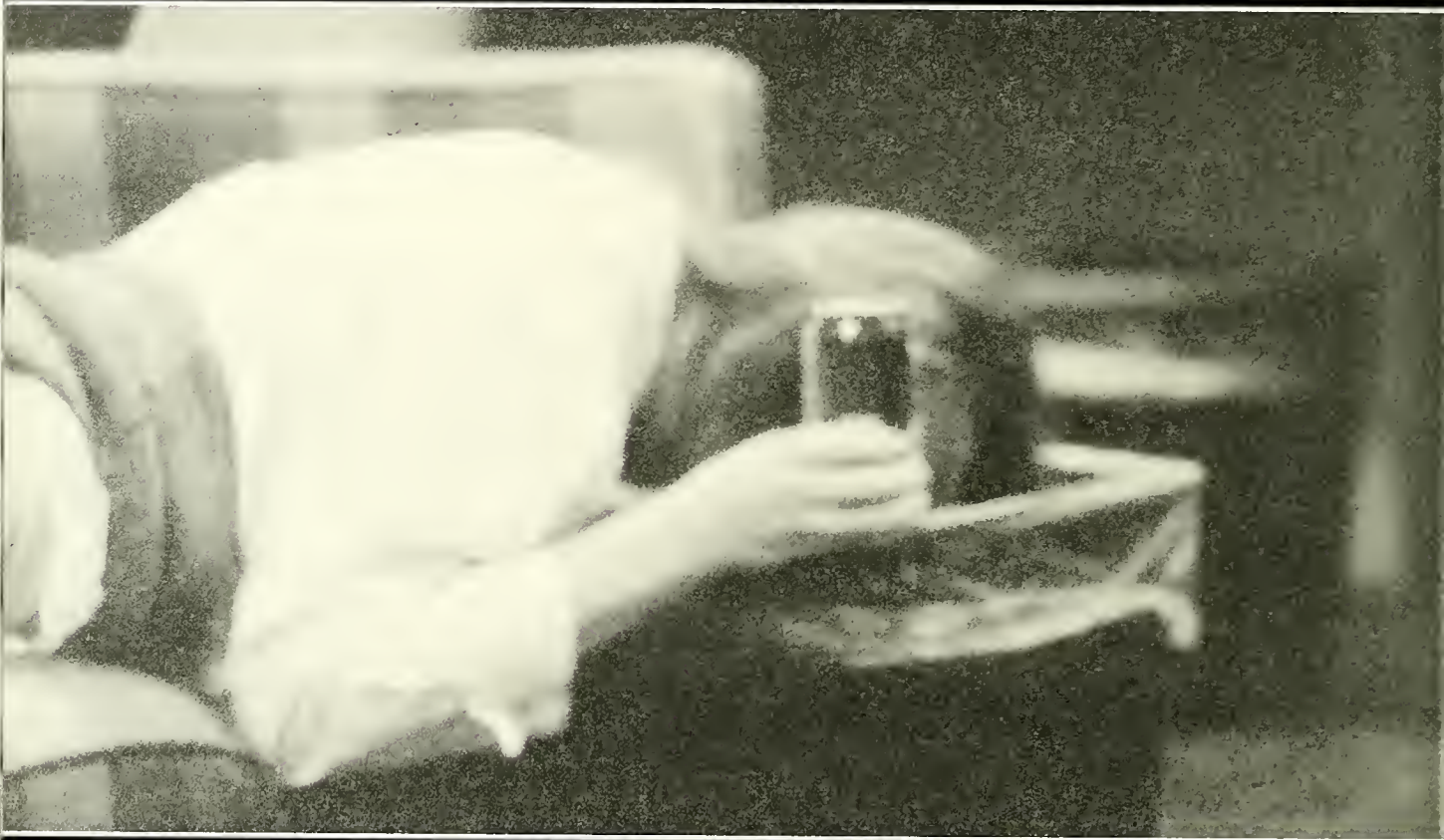




Student Issues

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Drinking

the End of the Road!

Many Western students generally turn to drinking as a means of escaping boredom and/or conforming to peer pressure. Students do not often understand the consequences that come with drinking.

According to a study on the Internet conducted by Radford University, between 2% and 3% of current American college population will die from alcohol related causes.

Drinking and driving is the number one killer of Americans between the ages of 17 and 24.

The Average female college student spends \$150.00 a year on alcohol and the average male spends \$300.00 a year. The average DUI arrest costs the charged person \$3,000.00.

Students need to be aware of the consequences that come with abusing drinking. This isn't a light matter, for hundreds of students die each year from alcohol abuse. So if

it is Saturday night and boredom strikes, rent a movie or get some friends together to play cards. The future has endless opportunities, so don't throw it away for a beer.

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Too many students seem to abuse alcohol on this campus. It's a problem everywhere, not just at Western.

--Michael Bledsoe

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I nternational Studies

Leaving home to attend college is a significant event in a young adult's life. When a student arrives on campus, they are immediately thrust into a sea of new faces and new experiences. This is scary for all new students, but imagine how it would feel to someone who was separated from their family and friends by an ocean.

There are approximately 95 International Students working to complete either graduate or undergraduate degrees at WCU. These men and women come from many different countries including France, the Netherlands, Jamaica, Spain, Scotland, and Iceland, just to name a few. These students brought their culture, language, and customs to Western and have integrated them with the culture in America.

The International students have shown many Western Carolina students that the only way to world harmony is to understand how other cultures live.

“As an International student, I get the opportunity to enjoy both the unique culture here at WCU and also my own culture. I'm able to compare and contrast as I see some of the differences, and some of the similarities of the two.”

Tamera Jones

Jamaica





Hazing

Secretive actions repeat themselves every year in colleges nationwide, despite the decade of complaints and media frenzy on hazing. What is also shocking is fraternities and sororities being listed as the sixth top insurance high risk factor. All fraternities and sororities on Western's campus followed "The Risk Management Policy of FIPG" against hazing which is defined as:

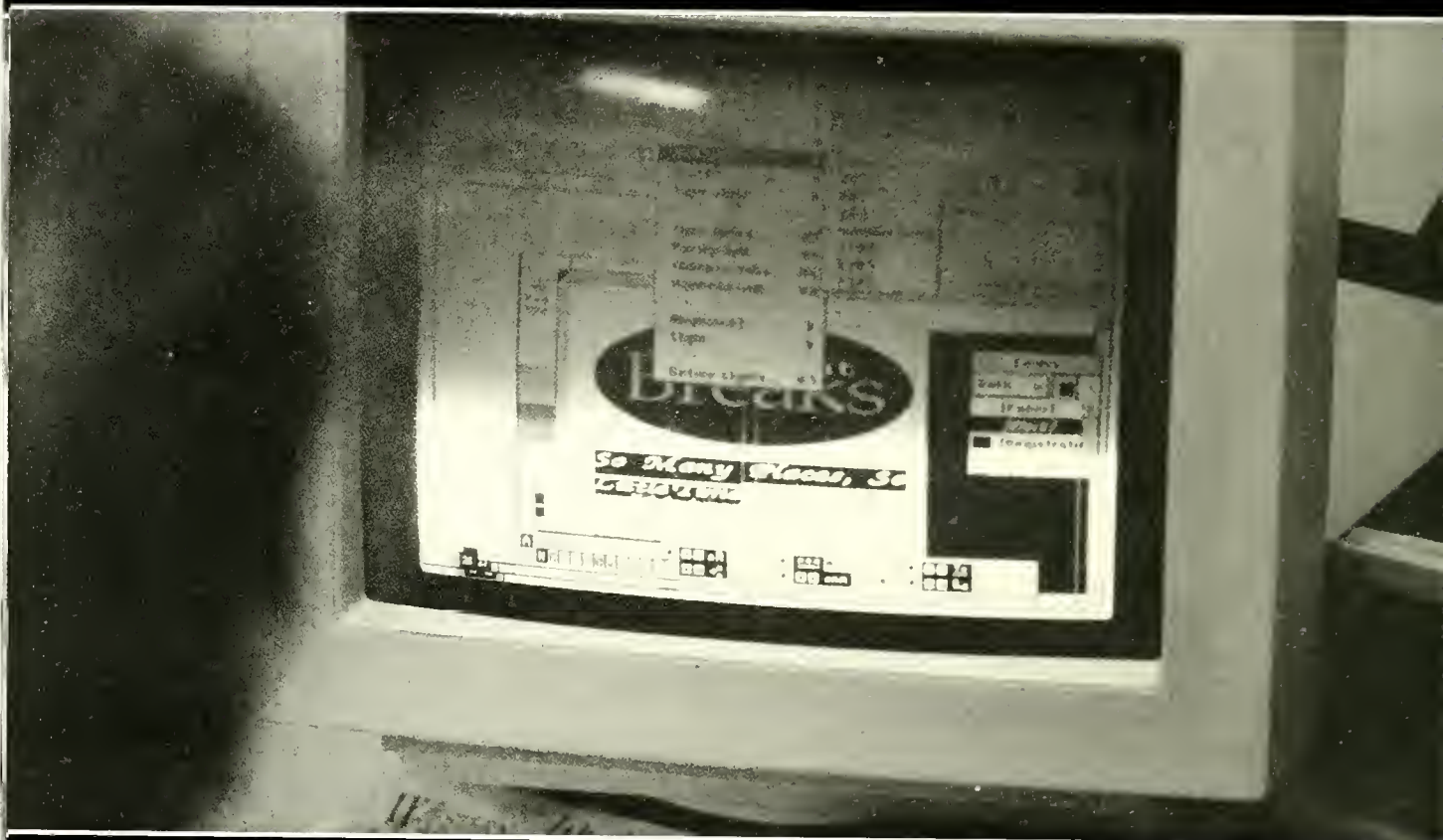
"Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter house". Knowing the confinements of what is considered as hazing, the Greek system has tried to enforce better rules to prevent dangerous occurrences of hazing.

On October 25th the national chapter of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity set up a toll-free number for pledges who wanted to anonymously initiate legal recourse against fraternity members who hazed them. Another change nationwide was a change in the office of Fraternity Education vs. the previous pledge program. By changing how the new members were educated by Fraternity Education, less hazing incidents would occur. Finally an Anti-Hazing law was passed, stating that any party found guilty of hazing would receive a fine and a criminal record. Hazing was not the reason why fraternities and sororities were founded. Those members of the Greek system were fighting hard to prove the real reason they exist . . . to form a bond with people with whom they care about.

“It's pretty clear that the fact that you make something an option does not mean it's not hazing. One of the biggest challenges in educating members is that the peer pressure, or perceived peer pressure, is what allows hazing to occur.

Jeff Mountz,

IFC adviser at U of M”



Computer Policy

Chancellor Bardo proposed a plan to require all incoming freshmen to have their own personal computers. The proposal passed and many students were split on whether they agreed with the plan or not. Some agreed because it would take Western Carolina University into the world of technology and make them tied to the World Wide Web. Although many agreed, some did disagree. Many believed that this new plan would keep intelligent, low-income students from fulfilling their dreams of attending WCU.

With the computer requirement beginning for all incoming freshmen next year, Western joins the ranks of such schools as Georgia Institute of Technology, Wake Forest, and Carnegie-Mellon. Western Carolina is the first school in the University of North Carolina system to require all students to come with an Internet equipped computer. Shortly after WCU announced its computer requirement, UNC-CH announced that it would require all their

incoming freshmen to have a laptop beginning in the year 2000, two years after Western.

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Everything we do with the students must be of the highest quality.

--Chancellor John Bardo

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Visitation

It's your first weekend away from home and you want to experience what college life is really

all about. So, you go over to some guy's (or girl's) dorm room to hang out and have some fun. Everyone is having a great time, and you've even met some interesting people, until you hear a knock on the door. It's the RA, it's past 2:00 a.m., and you are in trouble now because it's past visitation hours. But why? Your parents trusted you enough to send you to college, why should the school say when and where you can see members of the opposite sex?

As everyone knows, here at Western Carolina visitation hours are over at midnight during the week and 2:00 a.m. on the weekend, but if many of the students have their way this will no longer be a problem. The Student Government Association passed a resolution this year that would allow 24-hour visitation on the weekend, with the exception of a few dorms and halls for those students who do not want it. The resolution has now been passed on to the administration and other university officials. It is now up to them as to whether Western Carolina will join the majority of the universities in the UNC system by having 24-hour visitation policy. The students can only wait and see what will happen in the future.

“Residents are given the privilege of having a guest of the opposite sex visit with them in their residence hall room during designated hours. The Visitation policy is established to enhance safety and privacy of students living in the residence halls..

--Residence Life Handbook

1997-98



Clubs



Be absolutely honest in everything you do." --



Last Minute Productions

The Entertainment Specialists

Last Minute Productions was one of the main sponsor's of entertainment for WCU students. LMP provided students with a variety of activities to attend and enjoy. Screening of popular movies, ski trips to Catalouchee, shopping trips to Atlanta, and famous comedians like Marty Putz were just a sample of the many events that LMP sponsored for the studnet body. With a new office located in the University Center, LMP was able to have more contact with WCU students. On Western Carolina's campus, Last Minute Productions stood for major entertainment.



Top Right: The LMP producers gather for a business meeting. Without the hard work and dedication of these students, LMP would be unable to hold their events.

Right: These WCU students enjoy one of the many LMP sposored trips. LMP is known for its variety of trips for students to choose from.

Above: The LMP board members are the backbone of the organization. The members are the heads of the committies that plan all of LMP's functions.



Student Government Association

Serving Western Students



The Student Government Association officers and senators spent the year working for the student body. SGA's new office in the University Center gave the members more access to the students.

SGA senators passed a controversial resolution that would allow 24-hour visitation by the opposite sex on the weekends. Besides passing resolutions for the improvement of student life on campus, SGA was also in charge of Homecoming King and Queen elections. Under the leadership of President Joseph Monroe, the Student Government Association served WCU students well.



Top Left: President, Joe Monroe pauses to smile for the camera. Monroe was extremely busy this year dealing with the concerns of the student body.

Left: The Student Government Association gathers for a group picture. The resolutions passed by the SGA affected the student life on campus.

Above: The SGA Executive Board supervises all the senators and takes care of the day to day operations of the organization. These hard-working individuals help make SGA a success.

Playing All the Right

Hard work and great dedication was obvious when watching Western Carolina University's marching band. This "Pride of the Mountains" marching band performed across the state. They even excited thousands of viewers at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta during the Bands of America Competition.

Over two hundred students joined together to become one as a marching band. Long hours and strenuous work are just a few of the challenges that the students were faced with. It all paid off in the end, for the marching band was nothing but impressive.



Greg Walker



Alan Moore



Getting into the rhythm of things, this drum major conducts the marching band to perfection. He's got all the right moves.



Greg Walker



Greg Walker



Greg Walker

Top: Taking time to break it down, this band student loves to excite the crowd. The excitement that a performer feels when receiving a standing ovation is unexplainable. This performer knows exactly how it feels.

Left: Western Carolina's "Pride of the Mountains" marching band is well respected across the state. Their talent and skills don't come naturally, for these students dedicate many hours during the season to reach their perfection.

Above: Sometimes band students have to fight the bad days to enjoy the good days. The long hours and scorching heat are just a few of the obstacles that the marching band members have to overcome.

Alan Moore

"Today's Best Music!" Z91

Z91 kept Western's campus alive with the hip-hop sound of Chubbawuk and various other artists. With WCU's diverse population, the DJ's represented a large porportion of students' musical preferences. Not only did Z91 keep radios blaring with music, they also had contests. Students could win gift certificates from Target and subscriptions to the local paper. And packs of... were invited to... the winning clue.

Karen Koehler



Excutive Staff: Front row (L to R): Derek Millen-Program Director, Jeff Barnett-Assistant Program Director. Back row (L to R): Matt Johnson-General Manager, Waleed Hanhan-Music Director, Armar DeNuzzio-Traffic Director, Derek Layman-Internet Broadcaster, Josh Wagner-Production Director. Not Pictured: Angela Coffey-News Director, Josh Wagner-Production Director.



Karen Koehler

"Ever forward, never backwards." The flipside was heard nightly by Waleed.



Karen Koehler

"Go ahead, Daddy!" Jeff Barnett, a.k.a "Big Daddy."



Karen Koehler

Love even found its way into the control room to DJ's Amber Strut and Derek Boston.



Karen Koehler

General Manager Matt Johnson, could always be found balancing his radio shift with running the station.



Z91 Staff: Front Row (L to R): Jonathan Rowe-"J.J.", Derek Millen-"Derek Boston", Matt Johnson-"Shaggy", Jeff Barnett-"Big Daddy". **Back Row (L to R):** Waleed Hanhan-"Waleed", Tim Vandenberg-"Flowbi", Armand DeNuzzio-"Ar-mond", Derek Layman-"Vox", Kyle Foy-"A.J.", Matt Short-"Shorty", Russ Tompson-"A.C. Slater", Chelsea Frame-"Amber Strut", Laura Owenby-"Shelby Day".

Karen Koehler



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Top Left: Many WCU students awoke in the mornings to hear Kyle Foy "AJ" and Matt Short "Shorty".

Top Right: Refusing to give up his shift, "The Latin Lover," Armand DeNuzzio or "Ar-Mond" struggles against Derek Millen "Derek Boston."

Far Left: Tim Vandenberg, "Flowbi" was a popular weekend DJ of Industrial Rock.

Left: JJ and Shelby Day in the morning. Most always in disagreement, Jonathan Rowe and Laura Owenby engaged in the battle of the sexes.

Covering Cullowhee

The Western Carolinian

If WCU students want to know "all the news that is news," they turn to the pages of the Western Carolinian. The paper, which is distributed weekly, covers everything from student issues to local music and art events. The Western Carolinian also features weekly Public Safety Highlights and full coverage of all Catamount sporting events. Thanks to the dedicated staff of the Western Carolinian, students have one of the best sources of information about WCU and the surrounding area.



Top Left: A busy employee reluctantly pauses for a snapshot. The employees of the Western Carolinian are always working whether they're writing copy or laying out Wednesday's issue.

Top Right: This staff member happily exhibits the latest issue of the Carolinian. The staff takes pride in the results of their hard work.

Above: Editor in Chief, Terry Roberts takes a telephone call which could lead to the next front page story.

Right: A revolving door might be more efficient, due to the constant stream of Carolinian staff that passes through in order to keep WCU informed and up-to-date.





Top: The Western Carolinian staff cheeses for the camera. Without the dedication of these men and women, the campus of WCU would miss out on important information.

Left: Working for the newspaper is a blast. This staff member can hardly contain his excitement as he completes his layout.

Above: Terry pauses in the middle of an important conversation, with an employee to smile for a snapshot. Terry is in constant contact with the staff in order to ensure that the paper is ready for printing on time.

Catamount Yearbook

The Catamount Yearbook was created by a group of committed, responsible students. Even though deadline pressure all too often created stressful tension, the staff never failed to pull through as a team.

With some staff members leaving Western and new ones joining, the Catamount office was never a dull place to work. Writing and rewriting copy, waiting patiently for pictures to come in, dealing with a very outdated computer, and working with a smaller budget were all minor problems compared to the fun afternoons spent together working as a team.

Staff members not only had the responsibility of attending classes, making it to Greek functions, working second jobs, and breathing, they also had to create and publish a documentation of Western Carolina University's history for 1997-1998.



Top Right: Eagerly waiting for a taste of Karen's spaghetti; Lisa, Erin, Krystal, and Crystal relax on the couch.

Above: Trying to create the perfect copy for the yearbook isn't always easy.

Middle: The staff could ALWAYS be found working the afternoon away when Karen wasn't there.

Right: The executive board is a very "close knit" group. April Hyatt-Assitant Editor, Erin LaFon-Computer Graphics, Greg Walker-Editor-of-Photography, Crystal Frame-Editor-of-Layouts, and Karen Koehler-Editor-in-Chief.



Top Left: The wacky Catamount Yearbook Staff: Kristen Hedrick, Jennifer Wright, Karen Koehler, Crystal Frame, April Hyatt, Lisa Hannon, Erin LaFon, Greg Walker, Kris Grunwell. Not Pictured: Krystal Yarborough, Alan Moore, Richard Bradley, Jennifer Bosch, and Alexandria Alcala.

Top Right: Being Editor-of-Photography requires having a "good eye" for photography. Greg always used a critical eye when looking at shots.

Middle: More than just co-workers. April and Karen had a tendency to look at things from a different view.

Above: Photographer, Kris Grunwell enjoys his second helping of spaghetti at the staff Halloween dinner.

Left: Late night meetings making decisions were always intriguing.

WCU Clubs and Organization

*American Marketing
Association*



*American Society of
Interior Design*





Art Student League



Baptist Student Union



Black Theatre Ensemble

Criminal Justice



*Health Information
Management*



*Honors College Board
of Directors*





*Hospitality
Management*



*Mature Educational
Experience Team*



*National Art Education
Association*

*National Broadcasting
Society*



*Phi Sigma Pi National
Honors Fraternity*



Psi Chi Psychology





Project Management



*Public Relations Student
Society*



*Resident Student
Association*

*Society of
Manufacturing
Engineers*



Flute Society



*Golden
Ambassadors*





Wesley Foundation

*"Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful citizens
can change the world. Indeed,
it's the only thing that ever
has."--Margaret Mead*

Portraits



to the future. You create your own future."--Roger Stein



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Jennifer Aldridge
Communication
Disorders



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Christine Bates
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ment



Jonas Berry
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Amy Blake
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Sharon Blankens
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Aude Bombard
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Charles Botti
Manufacture Engi-
neering



Angie Brown
Recreational
Therapy



Kristi Bruch
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Luuk Burger
International Business

Jennifer Burns
Birth-Kindergarden

Deeann Caaringer
Middle Grades
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Comm. Disorders

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Heather Crosby
Elementary Educa-
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Christopher Dorr
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Recreational Therapy

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Elementary Education





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Bree Holton
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Billie Hogan
Sport Management





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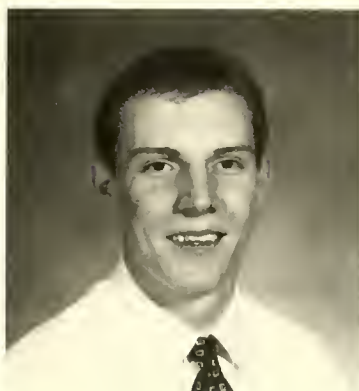




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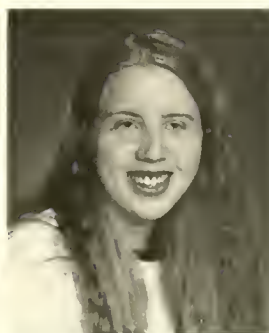


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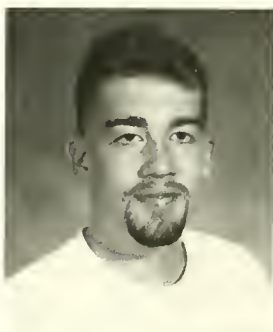
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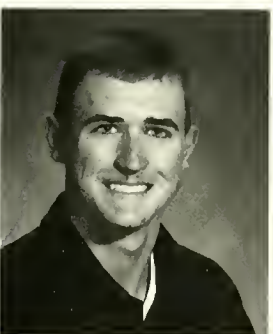
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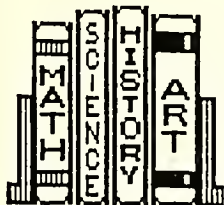


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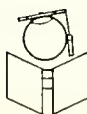
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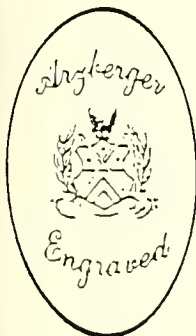
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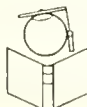
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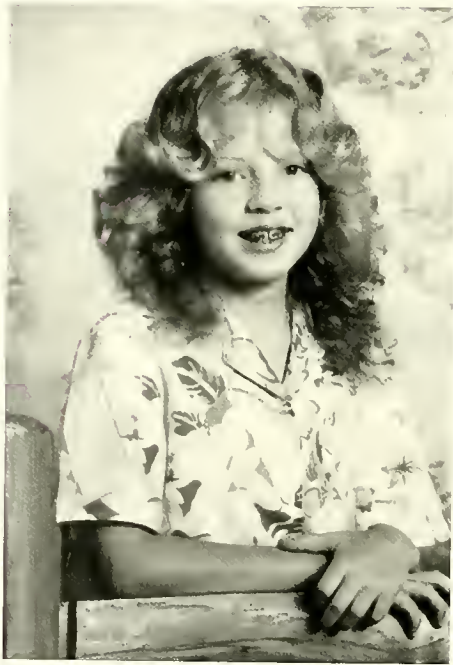
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Congratulations on achieving one more milestone in your life! We are very proud of you!



Remember, follow God's footprints and you will always be on the right path.

Love,
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Melissa Young

Hope you remember what a joy you have always been to us.

"Even when you ramble." We know you are going to make a great teacher. Continue on with your life as you have thus far and you will achieve great things. May your future be filled with happiness and success. You are a very special person.

Love,
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Love U,
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Congratulations
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We are so proud of you! Best wishes and Congratulations on a job well done!!

Love,
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Congratulations! You have now reached your next level. keep up the hard work. I'm proud of you. Remember . . . "Keep your eye on the ball." Love, Mom

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the future!!

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Closing



"Sometimes it takes years to realize what has happened to your life." -- Willie



Below: Girls just want to have fun. These girls worked very hard to decorate their hall for Halloween.



Erin LaFon

Alan Moore

Right: Showing school spirit! A banner contest was held during Homecoming week for any organization that wished to participate. Banners were judged and prizes were awarded to the organizations that submitted the best.



Kris Grunwell

Kris Grunwell

Above: This student had problems with his Jeep. He later called Public Safety to help him out.

Right: A local band played at Bailey's during college night. College night became a time to relax and get away from the stress of assignments that were fast approaching.





Left: Succeeding in having a good time, these guys practiced their dance moves so that they could show off later in the night.

Below: Everybody gets happy when it is time to eat. These guys were really hungry by the looks of their empty trays.



Zac Keener
Alan Moore



Zac Keener
Kris Grunwell



Kris Grunwell

Above: Get ready, aim, shoot! The University Center gameroom became a favorite place to go after class or eating. A wide variety of video games were also available to play if pool was not your favorite game.

Left: "Backing the Cats". These students showed their school spirit by painting banners. Banners were placed around campus to show support for the football team.

Left: Another night ends at the Alumni Tower. This couple shared a "goodnight kiss" before going their separate ways.

Right: Practice makes perfect! The Marching Cats colorguard warmed up before the Homecoming parade and game.

Center: Homeward bound. The rush to get home on Friday created chaos around the campus.

Below: Reward yourself. These two girls enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat from TCBY.



Kris Grunwell



Kris Grunwell

Greg Walker



Kris Grunwell

Zac Keener

Above: Study hard. These students found a quiet spot to study at Hoey Auditorium.

Right: What's new? This student checked her VAX account to see if anyone had sent her an e-mail.





Kris Grunwell

Kris Grunwell

Left: Dancing the evening away. This couple danced in the parking lot before the Homecoming game.



Below: Break time. This group of girls sat down for a break after a hard day of classes.



Greg Walker



Above: Observing the future. This future WCU student took notice of the activities during Valley Balleyhoo.

Left: Support your woman! Not only did these guys show support they also made signs.

Right: When it rains, it pours. The Natural Science building got soaked during one of the many WCU "monsoons."

Below: Down the hall of success. This student wore a smile on her face as she headed to class.



Above: Back to the books. These girls are on their way to another exciting day of class.

Above Right: Catching up on old times, these two students took time to talk about current events.

Far Right: Into the door of the future. These students prepared many hours for their final exam

Right: Perfect the first time, this professor showed his students the correct way to do the job.



Below: Take it step by step. This student runs to keep in shape.



Left: A very familiar place. The WCU Library becomes a second home to some students.

Below: To cross or not to cross? A public safety officer made sure that all traffic was stopped so students could cross.



Lunch time is finally here. This student could not wait to eat, so she dug in while she waited to pay.



Many students come back after break with an ambition to get off a few of those extra pounds.



A quick chance to catch up on homework. One student tried to beat the clock as the other sat and observed her surroundings.



Well, I did it, With the help of a very dedicated staff, a gracious advisor, and the help of many others, the Catamount 1998 yearbook is complete. At times it was trivial, stressful, and even sometimes seeming impossible, but we did it. I hope you all are as pleased as I am with the results. There are many people that if I had not had their help, I don't know that I would have made it!

To my staff: Thank you for your undying devotion to getting this book published. You all did an outstanding job pulling through. Never forget the many crazy afternoons in the office that we shared. Good luck to all of you in the future.

To April Hyatt: Well, we did it! Good luck next year with the book. I feel very confident leaving you in charge, you'll do great! If you ever need me—call. Never forget—Kansas City, landing in Ohio, watching "Scream", Champagne nights, and radiowars (which I won!!) I'll miss you cool! Good luck.

To Dick Cameron: Thanks for all of your help making my dreams of improvement for this book a reality. It was an absolute pleasure working for you. Thanks for your support and for allowing me the freedom to make my own decisions.

To my parents, I must say thank you and I love you both very much. I finally did it!! Without your love and support, I would have never been able to explore the opportunity of college. You both are extremely wonderful parents. Anal and overprotective yes, but wonderful none the less!!

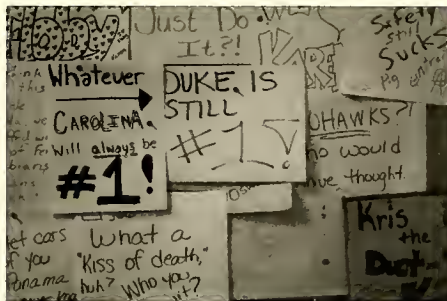
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To Stephanie Stamey. Good luck with Jason in the future. Never forget all the afternoon and late night talks we shared. Remember—you can do anything!! Never forget: the tree, the kite, the plane, and uranus, pledging, my love for Chris, trips to Boone, and Rugby parties.

To Cynthia Johnson, well third cousin—I'm outta here! I want you to know how much I value our friendship. never forget Rugby parties (at ASU and in my front yard), life in the dorms, introducing me to new things and my reaction to them!

To Ashley Hubbell—All night Grace! Even though it was hard to stay in touch with you this year, we did it! And three majors later, I still beat you to graduation! Good luck in the future, I know you'll go far! Never forget freshmen orientation, life on 6th floor Walker,





skiing in Sky Valley, and baseball players.

To Misty Oliver—All right, cutie! I'm really going to miss trying to find Mr.Right for you! Good luck with the rest of your time at WCU. Thanks for sticking by me this past year, you're a true sister. I'll miss you.

To Chris Waters— Thanks for all of your antagonizing picking on me. I'm glad we stayed friends for three years. Good luck in the future and thanks for listening to all of my problems. Thanks for always teaching me new drinking games that I always lost at. Never forget the watergun fights, and the open window.

To the Spring Break Crew "98-Cindy Arthur (Cyn), Crystal Frame (Crys-TAL), & Lisa Hannon (Quita)...That was **NOT** real!! Never forget: Leting cars in front of us in traffic, the Golden Griddle, Michigan guys, the drive **TO** Panama City, girls on balconies, respecting guys dancing, "Work it, own it!" the mokey on a leash, "Can I kiss you?" and Huddle House fights, oops, I mean nights. I'll miss you guys.. **A LOT!**

A special thanks to all of those special people ion the CTA department that made my graduation possible, you know who you are.

To the residents of Forrest Hills "Da Hood"—I'll miss you guys. Not the parking problems, but each one of you. It sure did get more pleasant 2nd semester, didn't it?

To the WWCU DJ's—Thanks for all the promotion for the yearbook. You guys (especially "Derek Boston", "Big Daddy", & "A.C. Slater") did an awesome job with my PSA's.

To the Carolinian: Thanks for running my ads and for finally learning that my name only has one "r" in it. And Terry, try to stay out of trouble next year.

To JoAnn Mount and, Julie Poplin, John Fletcher and all the other names I'm forgetting to mention at Jostens—Thanks so much! You guys were great to work with. JoAnn—thanks for listening to all of my panicked calls, you're great!

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To Mark Haskett and the WCU Print Shop—**THANK YOU!** Without your help, I would have been lost. Thanks for helping me with all of my last minute panicked requests.

Well, that's my last word. I'm officially turning over my editorship to Ms. April Hyatt and Crystal Frame. Good luck next year, guys! You'll do grea, I have faith in yu both. As I come to a close, I just want everyone to know how much I have enjoyed my four years here at Western. The experiences and knowledge gained and the memories made will never be forgotten.

-Karen Koehler





“Far away there in the sunshine are my
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them, but I can look up and see their
beauty, believe in them, and try to
follow where they lead.”

--Louisa May Alcott

